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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The friendly communication to the Government of the United States, regarding the interpretation of the Treaty of Washington, alluded to in the Queen's Speech, consists, so far as this Government is yet advised, of a note from Earl GRANVILLE to Gen. SCHENCK, the substance of which the latter communicates by telegraph. This note is not in the nature of a demand, nor even a request that there shall be any withdrawal of the claims for indirect damages. It alludes to the excitement in the public mind and in the Press on the subject, and ascribes it to the different interpretation put upon the Treaty by the United States from that which it received at the hands of the English Government. This simply gives this Government an opportunity, if it desires, of making an explanation, or even of withdrawing that part of the case which is the subject of misinterpretation; but there is no demand on the part of the English Government that such action should be taken. No reply has yet been made. The subject was informally talked over in the Cabinet meeting today, and the expression of the members of the Cabinet was quite unanimous that the reference of all claims and questions to the Geneva Tribunal was absolute, and that to that body must be left the question of rejecting or allowing the claims known as "indirect losses." When a reply is made, this will be the position taken. The President is very firm on this point, and he is unanimously supported by his Cabinet, and by all the Republican strength in Congress, including Mr. SUMNER and Gen. BANKS. The opinion is nowhere entertained here that the British Government will insist upon such a thing as a withdrawal of this part of the case of the United States. The feeling is quiet and firm, and there is probably less excitement here over the situation than anywhere else. Mr. EDMUNDS today offered in the Senate a resolution calling on the President to communicate any information not incompatible with the public interests, which he might have relative to the intention of Great Britain to revoke the Treaty of Washington. The introduction of this resolution gave Mr. EDMUNDS an opportunity to make a brief speech relative to the rumors of the action of the British Government, in which the text of the Treaty, the protocols of the Joint Commission, a speech of Mr. CONKLING and Mr. BRAMIN' book were quoted from to show that we had a right to make the claim for consequential damages about which England is so sensitive, and that it was well understood that we had that right. He expressed the belief that no such demand as the reports represent had been made, and said in case it had, the responsibility for the consequences must rest upon Great Britain. Mr. TRUMBULL took exceptions to the wording of a part of the resolution as assuming too much, and they were stricken off. The resolution will come up again to-morrow.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

A Quiet Allusion to the Alabama Claims—Her Majesty Well Attended the Thanksgiving in St. Paul.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The opening of the session for 1872, of the Imperial Parliament, took place today. The attendance of members was unusually large, while the customary crowd of spectators, male and female, admitted by members' orders, was to be seen in the galleries and upon the floors of the House of Lords. The announcement that Her Majesty would be represented by Commissioners, chilled that loyal order of English men and women who otherwise would have thronged all the avenues leading to the "palace of Parliament." The House of Commons was called to order shortly after noon, when the body was summoned to the House of Lords. Lord Chancellor HATHERLY read the speech, which is as follows:

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN: I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by your representative for the discharge of your momentous duties to renew the expression of my thankfulness to the Almighty for the deliverance of my son from most imminent danger, and my lively recollection of the profound and universal sympathy shown by my loyal people during that period of anxiety and trial. I purpose that on Tuesday, the 27th inst., conformably to the good and becoming usage of former days, the blessing thus received shall be acknowledged, on behalf of my subjects, by my attending in the Metropolitan Cathedral. At this celebration it is my desire and hope to be present. Directions have been given to provide the necessary accommodations for the members of Parliament. The assurance of friendship that I receive from Sovereign Powers continues in all respects satisfactory; and I need hardly assure you that my endeavors will at all times be steadily directed toward the maintenance of these friendly relations.

THE SLAVE TRADE.

The slave trade, and practices cognate to be distinguished from slave trading, are still pursued in more than one quarter of the world, and continue to attract the attention of my Government. In the South Sea Islands the name of the British Empire is even now dishonored by the connection of some of my subjects with these nefarious practices; and in one of them the murder of an exemplary prelate made fresh light upon some of the baneful consequences. A bill will be presented from the Legislature the seat of authority of the class in Australia. Endeavors will be made to increase, in other forms, the means for the commission of the evil.

THE TREATY WITH FRANCE.

Various communications have passed between my Government and that of France on the subject of the commercial treaty concluded in 1860. From the divergence in the views respectively entertained in relation to the value of protective laws, this correspondence has not brought about any agreement to modify that important convention. Both sides, however, have unitedly declared their earnest desire that nothing shall occur to impair the cordiality which has so long prevailed between the nations. The papers relating to these subjects will be laid before you.

THE TREATY OF WASHINGTON.

The arbitrators appointed pursuant to the Treaty of Washington for the purpose of amicably settling the Alabama claims, held their first meeting in Geneva. Cases were laid before the arbitrators on behalf of each party to the treaty. In the case so submitted by the United States large claims are included which are understood, on my part, not to be within the province of the arbitrators. On this subject I have caused a friendly communication to be made to the Government of the United States. The Emperor of Germany has undertaken to arbitrate on the San Juan water boundary, and the cases of the two Governments have been presented to His Imperial Majesty. The Commission to sit at Washington has been appointed and is in session. The provisions of the treaty, which require the consent of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, await its assembling.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

Turning to domestic affairs, I am glad to appraise you, that with a very few exceptions, Ireland has not been given cause of crime. Trade in that part of the kingdom has been active, and the advance in agricultural industry remarkable. I am able also to congratulate you, so far as present experience allows judgment to be passed, upon the perceptible diminution in the number of the graver crimes and habitual criminals in Great Britain.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS: The principal estimates for the coming year have been prepared, and they will at once be laid before you. I trust you will find them suitable to the circumstances of the country. The state of the revenue affords favorable indications of the demand for employment, and of the general condition of the people—indications which are corroborated by the decline of pauperism not inconsiderable.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN: Your attention is invited to several measures of acknowledged national importance. Among these are bills for the improvement of public education in Scotland, for the regulation of the mines, for the amendment of the licensing system, for fixing the relation of the Superior Courts of Justice and Appeal. In particular, a bill having for its main object the establishment of secret voting; together with a measure relating to the corrupt practices at Parliamentary elections, will be immediately presented. Several measures of administrative improvement in Ireland will be laid before you; likewise legislative provisions founded on the report of the Sanitary Commission.

You, my Lords and gentlemen, will, I am confident, again apply your well-known assiduity to the work of legislation, which from the increasing exigencies of modern society, still seems to grow upon your hands; and I shall continue to rely, under Providence, alike on the loyalty of my people and your energy and wisdom to sustain the constant efforts of the Crown to discharge the duties, uphold the rights and defend the honor of the Empire.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Disraeli Assails the Administration on the Subject of the Treaty—Reply by Mr. Gladstone.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—There was a full attendance of members at the assembling of the House of Commons today. After the body had returned from the House of Lords bills for the abolition of the Game laws, university tests, excise &c., were presented. Dr. DONALD DALRYMPLE, member for Bath, introduced a resolution looking to the amelioration of the condition of inebriates. Mr. FREDERICK A. MILBANK, member for the North Riding of Yorkshire, gave notice of his intention to offer a resolution asking Sir CHARLES DILKE if he adhered to the sentiments expressed in his speeches, delivered at Newcastle and other places during the recess of Parliament.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

Mr. DISRAELI then rose and called the attention of the House to the paragraph of the royal speech in reference to the arbitration of the Alabama claims. He animadverted at some length upon the Treaty of Washington, for the faults of which he blamed the Foreign Secretary, Earl GRANVILLE, and the Premier, Mr. GLADSTONE. In view of the developments which had been made by the assembling of the arbiters at Geneva, Mr. DISRAELI wanted to know why the Government was exultant over the satisfaction it had given to Parliament on the subject. The Royal speech was signally unsatisfactory, and forced, in his opinion, that the Government still lacked a proper appreciation of the gravity of the question at issue between England and the United States. The American claims were greater than those which would follow a total conquest—they were preposterous and impertinent, and, if admitted, would be fatal to the power and honor of England. Yet, said Mr. DISRAELI, sincerely, the whole subject is disposed of in one brief paragraph of the Royal speech.

Mr. GLADSTONE followed in reply. He said the Treaty of Washington itself shows that England is ready to make every concession, short of national honor, to establish friendly relations with America, and to set an example to be followed by other nations henceforth. The Government, said the Premier, is ready to explain everything in connection with the treaty. But it will not admit that it has un-ultimatly made a mistake. The paragraph in the treaty is the only fair and unmistakable interpretation of the treaty. He could, if he desired, refer to the preposterous character of the American demands, which of itself proved the impossibility for them to suppose that people in the last extremity of war, or in the lowest depths of national misfortune, with the spirit of the people of England in their hearts, would ever submit to. [Cheers.] Mr. GLADSTONE concluded by saying the Government would maintain the position it had taken, firmly, though in a friendly manner.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Severe Criticism of the German Press on the Course of England.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The excitement over the *Alabama* claims continues in the newspapers, but the journals which applies them outright have become suddenly silent. The excitement, which furnishes a convenient diversion from awkward home topics, is certainly fostered by the Government, and any embarrassment it may cause them in the future the Government can easily divert by an appeal to the popular prejudice against American extravagance. The *Daily Telegraph* complains that the English newspapers are not sufficiently disposed to place faith in their denunciation of the American case, and says that the boasting tone in their criticisms is deeply to be regretted, as it tends to encourage erroneous notions of the real purpose of the English people, which is to impress the Americans that in their demands they cannot be in any possibility of a shadow of justification. The *Standard*, continuing the *Telegraph*, for an indemnity for the prolongation of the American war is so monstrous that it leaves no other resort, but to shut the door in the face of all indirect damages. The *Daily News* says that the introduction into the discussion of indirect losses creates a misunderstanding, which, unless rectified, the arbitration cannot proceed. The *Times* says that England declines to stand on the defensive against the claims of America for indirect damages, the withdrawal of which she mentioned to be the condition of a friendly settlement. The *Morning Advertiser* says that the attempt of England to forestall European judgment had great opinion in her favor to be foolish as it is unjust. The *Echo* concludes the silence and moderation of the American Press with the ill-considered outbreak of the Press in England. The French Press *Pays* says England attempts to be the merciful judge at one and the same time. The *Revenant Diplomatique* says the question of the American claims for indirect damages ancient Great Britain is not a novelty; it was distinctly formulated in the protocol of the Treaty of Washington, without the protest of the British Commissioners.

The Statesmen of France Sanguine—The London Times Anxious to Allay the Fever.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The London *Times* this morning preserves the tone of moderation it assumed yesterday, in treating the subject of the American claims. It deprecates intemperate denunciation of the treaty and hopes it will lead to no hasty action or resolves. The present duty of English statesmen is to say or do nothing likely to prejudice any attempt to remove the misunderstanding which has unhappily arisen. The *Daily Telegraph* pronounces the claim for indirect damages utterly indefensible, inadmissible and baseless. It regrets any hesitation on the part of the London Press to stigmatize the demands as they deserve. The intentions of England cannot be too strongly impressed on the people of the United States. The Telegraph feels convinced that the American Government will withdraw its extraordinary demands.

IN CONGRESS.

Debate on Senator Edmunds' Resolution Asking for Information.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—In the Senate, today, Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, offered a resolution asking for any information in the President's possession respecting "the alleged intention of the Government of Great Britain to revoke the treaty unless the claims of this Government shall be presented upon a principle and in a manner agreeable to the other party," and addressed the Senate on the subject. He said: "I think it extremely desirable that we should have some information upon this subject. Nobody feels more deeply than I the value of peace between the two Governments. I think the people of this nation, when they surrendered what they considered to be a matter of national honor and national right which ought not to have been submitted, as they thought, to any arbitration whatever, except themselves, were making a great concession in the interest of peace between nations. The treaty, which we are told is under discussion with a view to its revocation, was the product, so far as we are concerned, of this desire for peace. Every word shows that the people of the United States surrendered what they considered valuable rights and privileges in the interest of arbitration between nations for the settlement of their disputes. It is stated that the ground of this proposal to repudiate is that the case of the United States, offered under the treaty to the arbitrators is one which makes pretensions that never ought to have been made. What is to say, that the claim for consequential damages for the acts of the British cruisers, called the *Alabama* claims, are not claims which the treaty will fairly embrace, and are not those, therefore, which ought to be allowed, one of the very questions upon which we supposed would be proper for that tribunal to try. That was the object of having a tribunal, to try and decide something. But now let us see whether this pretension is well founded. I hold in my hand this case which has been made the subject of this complaint. It commences with a reference to the circumstances and protocols which took place in the founding of this Commission out of which this treaty grew, and contains copious extracts from the daily proceedings of the Commissioners on the one side, and on the other, which go by the name of the *Protocol*. In that I find quoted from the *Pall Mall*, which is, also in print, and I believe, published the following: 'At the Conference held on the 6th of March the American Commissioners stated that the people and the Government of the United States felt that they had sustained a great wrong, and that great losses and injuries were inflicted by the cruisers, which, as a national matter, material interests by the course and conduct of Great Britain during the recent rebellion in the United States; that what had occurred in Great Britain and her colonies during that period had given rise to feelings in the United States which the people of the United States did not desire to charge upon Great Britain, but which had feelings of resentment—feelings that we had been struck by our mother when we were in distress. That the history of the *Alabama*, and other cruisers which had been fitted out, or armed, or equipped, or which had received augmentation of force in Great Britain or in the colonies, and the operations of those vessels showed extensive direct losses in the capture and destruction of a large number of vessels with their cargoes; and in the heavy national expenditures in the pursuit of the cruisers; and indirect injury in a transfer of a large portion of the American commerce marine to the British flag; in the enhanced payments of insurance, in the prolongation of the war, and in the addition of a large sum to the cost of the war and the suppression of the rebellion; and also showed that Great Britain by reason of failure in the proper observance of her duties as a neutral had become jointly responsible for the acts of these cruisers and of their tendency; that the claims for the loss and destruction of private property which had been thus far presented amounted to about $14,000,000, without interest, which amount was liable to be increased greatly by claims which had not been presented.' Here then, we have the Government had been put in the pursuit of cruisers could easily be ascertained by certificates of Government accounting officers; that in the hope of an amicable settlement no estimate was made of the indirect losses, without prejudice, however, to the right to indemnification for them as a national loss, which would be a proper subject of inquiry, which assumed nothing, and he did not see why it should excite the Senator's astonishment.

Mr. TRUMBULL insisted that the last clause of the resolution undertaking to state the ground upon which the revocation of the treaty was contemplated, did contain an assumption, and did it was shocking that upon a question which threatened the peace of two of the greatest nations of the world, one of these nations should be taking action upon what might prove to be a mere newspaper canard.

Mr. EDMUNDS said that to relieve the mind of the Senator, (Mr. TRUMBULL,) he would strike out the last clause of the resolution, beginning with the word "unless," which was done.

Mr. CAMERON, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. President, I do not know why this resolution is offered; I cannot imagine that the Government is in possession of any such information as the resolution calls for. I have no idea that the British Government is going to repudiate the Treaty or any part of it, and I would not be the first to suppose that they would be guilty of an act of such wrong to us and outhonor and disgrace to themselves. The resolution went over, and Mr. EDMUNDS gave notice that he would call it up to-morrow and urge its passage.

THE TERWILLIGER CASE.

Continuation of the Special Investigation.

ALBANY, Feb. 6.—Before the special Senate Committee appointed to investigate the charges against Mr. TERWILLIGER, Clerk of the Senate, this evening, JOHN D. PARSONS, of WEED, PARSONS & Co., testified to paying TERWILLIGER nearly $4,700 for commissions on printing given his firm also to recalling bills sent in, and changing the amount as stated in Mr. GRACE's affidavit, because of an error in the first bill as made out. He says that the change in the first was made by my son, he not being conversant with bookprinting when these figures were changed. I received from the foreman of my book department a statement of all the items of composition of the work for that Committee. That work commenced in 1868, in the Winter, when I was not in the city. I left for the South early in the Spring. On my return home in the Winter of 1869, it was necessary to ascertain the amount of this printing charged, and I went through the whole of that account. This printing was brought to us by piecemeal. It was not a job brought all at once; it was every day's work as the Committee passed along, or as the proceedings of the Committee passed. We would print one portion of that work, and in a few days probably another; editors would be called for, and we would be outlined to reset the whole of that work. In the progress of that work we had to set it at least three times, and, if I am not much mistaken, we then stereotyped to prevent recomposition; when the return was made to me, I covered that whole ground; when my son made the charge he merely took the book and charged as an experiment to see how near he could approach to what was right, knowing that afterward I had to pass over the same thing and make the charge. In the making out of last bill, GRACE had made out a bill according to that paper, but the bill was greater than that paper, and therefore he must have had some other memorandum, because I made no charge except what were right. That is my explanation, as far as I can go from memory.

POST-OFFICE ROBBERY.

A Mail Clerk Steals Twenty Thousand Dollars—Sixty Thousand Letters Found on Him.

BOSTON, Feb. 6.—A clerk in the Boston Post-office is said to have stolen $20,000 from letters. His name is MARSHALL S. P. LAWS, aged twenty-six years, unmarried, and has been employed three years in the mailing department, on a salary of $900 a year. He has confessed, and turned over to Postmaster HUBT the following property, accumulated since he held office: Three dwelling-houses, worth $4,000 each; books of deposit in Bank Savings Bank, $600; Emigrant Savings Bank, $1,000; Bank Five-cent Savings Bank, $1,000; West Boston Savings Bank, $600; and Provident Institution for Savings, $600; gold watch, $150. Sixty unopened letters were found upon him.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The General Order Business—Tobacco Tax—Counsel Make Before the Committee on Revenue Affairs—Executive Session.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The announcement that the President would soon require the abolition of the General Order business has already hastened a cloud of applicants, who imagine apparently that the only change that is to be made is to put LEET & STOCKING out and to put somebody else in. Inference, therefore, such as are usually alleged to have occurred the business for the present owners are being evoked in behalf of particular aspirants. To all such the information may be interesting that the President will not act before the Committee makes its report, and the near approach of the end of its labors is hailed with satisfaction. That report will be made the basis of action, in order that there may be no appearance of prejudicing the case, and also in order that the light and weight of the Committee's recommendations may be fully considered. But the greatest mistake of all is to suppose that the President is simply going to make a change in the proprietors of the business. He has nothing whatever to do with their selection and never has had; that belongs to the Collector of the Port of New-York, who is responsible for the collection of the revenue. What the President will require will be not that special vengeance be inflicted upon LEET & STOCKING, who certainly have served the interests of the revenue well, but that the whole system be thoroughly reformed, and that the features wherein abuses are now prevalent be thoroughly wiped out. This he can require to be done, and can even exercise the influence of his opinion as to what shape the changes should take, though he is much more likely to leave such details to the Secretary of the Treasury and to the Collector of the port of New-York. One thing he cannot and will not do, and that is appoint the successors of LEET & STOCKING, even if they are to have successors, which is exceedingly doubtful. It is, therefore, worse than useless to apply at the White House for the position of General Order storekeeper.

THE HOUSE.

The House of Representatives spent a profitless session today. The morning hour was wasted in filibustering attempts to stave off action on the seat question, while the rest of the day was spent on the Educational bill without reaching a vote.

TOBACCO TAX.

It is probable that the Ways and Means Committee will take a vote on the Tobacco tax question on Thursday, and it is improbable that there will be strength enough in the Committee to fix the uniform tax at a higher figure than sixteen cents.

THE SENATE.

The Amnesty bill was discussed again all day in the Senate without any result. The participants today were Senators SHERMAN, THURMAN, MORTON and FRELINGHUYSEN, and the particular topic of discussion were the constitutionality of Mr. SUMNER's amendment. The friends of the passage of the Amnesty bill without amendments think its chances are gaining by delay, and will not press a vote till the discussion is exhausted; the end may come to-morrow, or it may not come this week.

THE HALE INQUIRIES.

Mr. CHARLES HALE was before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today, but did not finish his statement. The Committee have another meeting to-morrow, when he will conclude. The Committee seemed much pleased, today, and will, no doubt, decide in his favor.

THE STOUT CASE.

United States Attorney BATES of Utah, has been told by the President that there was no foundation in the rumors that he would be removed. It is regarded as certain that he will be fully sustained. The decision of the Supreme Court in the case of STOUT was made by a divided Court, the division being four to four. Four of the Judges based their decision entirely upon technical grounds, and four of them entered upon the merits of the case. Upon this latter ground it is understood that the whole Court would have been agreed, and that the decision was really a victory for the party supporting Attorney BATES.

DELAWARE NAVIGATION.

The House Committee on Commerce today heard a deputation from Trenton, N. J., in favor of an appropriation by Congress of $75,000, to improve the navigation of the Delaware River.

SENATOR DAVIS' ILLNESS.

Senator GARRETT DAVIS, of Kentucky, is lying ill, and it is reported that he has been stricken with paralysis and that his recovery is extremely doubtful. It has been noticed on several occasions in the past year or two that the strength of his nervous power was giving way, and fears of sudden prostration have been entertained by his friends. The present attack is ascribed to exhausting mental labor.

BROOKLYN WHISKY RAIDS.

Mr. KIESELL, member of Congress from Brooklyn, and editor of the Brooklyn *Eagle*, having totally misrepresented through his paper the circumstances under which the Police were lately compelled to assist the revenue officers in making an illicit whisky raid in the Fifth Ward of Brooklyn, the revenue officers have made a report, showing that, on previous occasions, the Police Commissioners in Brooklyn have positively refused protection to the revenue officers, and since they were obliged to call on the military officers for protection and assistance. It is only since the November elections that the Police Commissioners have been willing to allow the use of their force for the purpose.

CONTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

The President today renominated H. R. HULBURD to be Controller of the Currency, to succeed himself, the term for which he was appointed having expired. In the Executive Session of the Senate, this afternoon, the attempt was made to secure immediate confirmation, but at first objection was made to action being taken today; subsequently the objection was withdrawn, and the nomination was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A large part of the Executive Session today was taken up with a discussion of the nomination of Gen. LEGARE, a reconsideration of the vote by which it was confirmed having been before made. It is understood that the old question of corrupt bargains attending the impeachment trial was brought forward again and the old charges revived and discussed. It is impossible to predict the result.

AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE-MARK CASE.

The suit of JOSEPH ROGERS & SONS, of Sheffield, England, against Messrs. PHILP & SOLOMONS, stationers, of this city, for a violation of their trade-mark in supplying the Department with cutlery manufactured in Germany and stamped with a star and Maltese cross, came up for final hearing today in the Court of Equity, and was decided in favor of the plaintiffs. A perpetual injunction was granted restraining the defendants from any further sale of cutlery bearing the star and Maltese cross, unless manufactured by the plaintiffs.

FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6.

Mr. SHERMAN, from the Finance Committee, reported a bill requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to call in the $6,000,000 of three per cent. certificates monthly, in addition to the sum now required to be retired, and to retire each month by existing laws.

QUARANTINE ABUSES.

Mr. CONKLING's resolution directing the Committee on Commerce to inquire into the alleged abuses and extortions in connection with the Quarantine and Health regulations in New-York, was adopted. Mr. FENTON asked whether they were under State control. Mr. CONKLING said one object of the resolution was to ascertain how far Congress could take the jurisdiction of them.

A MEMORIAL FROM NEW-YORK.

Mr. FENTON presented the following:

"We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States, during a heart-ache last immortality of our country, have felt it our duty to present to the Congress, in such a way as we feel you in each behalf, to give your earnest and most determined attention to the subject of the Amnesty Bill, and to the Amnesty Bill, and to the Amnesty Bill, and to

UNPUNISHED OFFENDERS.

Smuggling Cases—Causes of the Enormous Leniency at Prosecutions.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

As a citizen who has observed with a good deal of interest the progress of crime against the United States in this and other sections of the country, I desire to submit some facts to the public through the columns of the TIMES with reference to the various plans set on foot to detect and counteract the practices of evil-disposed people.

The unremitting and zealous efforts now put forward in regard to Custom-house affairs in this City; the developments there made relative to the crime of smuggling, and the ease with which offenders of this class escape punishment, are subjects that lead thinking men to go below the surface and endeavor to ascertain the real cause lying at the root of this evil. The law creates smuggling a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Numerous arrests have been detected in the commission of this offense at the port of New-York and brought before the various United States Commissioners of the district, and yet, with a single exception, as I am informed, none of them have been brought to trial and punishment. Having given the subject careful attention and investigation, with a view of ascertaining why justice has not been administered in this direction, I have learned that the difficulty does not lie so much in *laches* on the part of the officials detailed to look after this class of crime, but rather in the limited machinery of the Courts, which it appears is entirely inadequate to the trial of the numerous causes now on the calendar, much less those that are arising from day to day. Hence, in the case of the smuggler, where the Government seizes the goods and arrests the accused, an open issue would be made; the goods most likely bonded out of the hands of the Customs authorities by the interested parties and the case thrown into Court in the nature of proceedings in rem, where they await their turn to be called years hence, perhaps, only to find that the evidence in the case has frittered away, the witnesses dead or departed to unknown localities, while the bond given under the appraisement, and which might have been valuable at the time of the transaction, is now utterly worthless. The records of the United States Attorney's office of this district will show that thousands of dollars of just such bonds, given under just such circumstances are now on file there. The suit in personam being also instituted, is almost equally certain to result adversely, inasmuch as the accused party, or, what is synonymous, not to end at all, so far as any benefit may accrue to public justice in operating as a warning and a restraint to others.

The facilities for the trial of criminal causes in this district are meagre indeed compared with the number of cases brought to the attention of the Courts, while the facilities for the escape of the guilty are, I dare say, equal, if not superior, to those of any part in the world. A person arrested on charge of smuggling is brought before the United States Commissioner; the case is adjourned from day to day, upon one pretense or another, often covering a period of several weeks. The accusation against the offender being fully sustained, he is held to bail to await the action of the Grand Jury, six months or more hence. An indictment is found, the case is called, and when finally reached the accused fails to appear. A forfeiture is taken against the bail-bond, which is found to be worthless, in most cases, although taken in good faith by the Commissioner, and probably of value at the time it was given. Where the accused do not find it convenient to abscond, but little difficulty is experienced on their part in having the cases carried over from term to term until it is finally lost sight of or becomes obsolete, although still upon the records. Numerous instances of this class can be cited in proof of my assertions.

These results are chargeable neither to the detective nor judicial officers of the Government. The evil lies in the fact that under the present organization of the Courts of this district it is impossible to bring these causes to trial. The criminal calendar is already filled with cases that should take precedence of all others, and which have been for months and years awaiting action. The regular sittings of the Courts are entirely inadequate to the disposition of the constantly accumulating business, and unless appropriate legislation is made by Congress—such as the establishment of an inferior Court, empowered to sit constantly and make a speedy disposition of this and other misdemeanors of a similar character—the evil must continue to increase.

Officers making seizures of smuggled goods, knowing the long delay arising from the present overburdened condition of the Courts, and that if the goods seized are bonded and the accused party held to bail, the result will be the loss of the goods and the escape of the criminal, and being interested also in the condemnation of the seized goods, urge the settlement of these cases and justify it upon the ground that the Government gains a pecuniary advantage from the fines and forfeitures, where otherwise the matter would result in total loss. In the absence of any responsible prospect of bringing smugglers to trial, the latter course has been recommended officially by the District-Attorney and Customs authorities; but only because it was necessary to dispose of the cases in some manner, and this seemed the most feasible under existing circumstances. It seems to have been the constant policy of the present Administration to enforce the laws against smuggling, and that the authorities at Washington have repeatedly and persistently urged the bringing to trial of parties charged with drawback frauds, smuggling and similar offenses, numerous cases of which appear upon the records of the Courts of this district, and in which it seems the authorities have exhausted every means within their power to have determined before the proper tribunals, but all to no purpose, as the difficulties encountered are so numerous and the facilities for the trial of criminal causes so limited, as to render it next to impossible to get them adjudicated upon. The comparatively slight risk arising from this condition of affairs, and the fact that the offense is a simple misdemeanor, over which other and graver violations of the law must take precedence, operates in a manner to encourage numerous persons to enter upon these general swindling transactions, waged against the public revenues of the country; whereas if the punishment of smuggling were made of as sure and speedy a character as to render the pursuit of the business a highly hazardous one—the trial and punishment following close upon detection—it could, in my opinion, be almost wholly if not totally suppressed, and that, within a brief period of time. As it is, the Federal Courts of this district cannot try one tithe of the cases already before them, and until this is remedied smuggling cannot be entirely broken up.

With reference to the suppression of crimes of a more heinous character, such as counterfeiting, &c., the records show that this class of criminals have been followed with a persistent energy that has resulted in sending the principal offenders to the Penitentiary and stopping to a large degree the issue of bogus money.

The system of detection and in bringing these offenders to justice, has recently been the subject of much comment, growing out of the trial of JOSHUA D. MINER, charged by the Secretary with being a manufacturing counterfeiter. The *World*, of this City, under date of Feb. 6, in an article entitled "Lawful lying and cheating," takes up the cudgel in defense of the accused, and in condemnation of the methods resorted to by the officers of the United States Secret Service to detect and bring him to trial; setting forth that the defendant in this case had been induced to commits crime by a *paid* detective, who was acting under the direction of the officers. The facts as developed upon the trial of this cause show that the writer of the article in question labors under an entire misapprehension of the whole case. It did not appear that any inducement were held out to the defendant Miner, to commit a crime, or, in other words, to engage in the manufacture of counterfeit money. He was suspected of having passed some of such counterfeit, and was accordingly followed to his residence in Brooklyn, where he was arrested on the charge. HENRY C. COLE, an alleged confederate of this man, had been detected in the circulation of counterfeit money, and at examination, he stated that he had obtained it, stating that he had been acquainted for a period of years with JOSHUA D. MINER, and for years in the same business; that, in his possession the plates from which the bogus money had been printed, and that, if suppositions were made to MINER by some one in whom he had confidence, to sell the plates, he would, without doubt, bring them forth. To develop the truth of this man's story, he was directed to negotiate for the purchase of these plates, which he did under the eye of the Government officials. A night for their delivery was agreed upon, and Cole, accompanied by Secret Service men, proceeded to MINER'S residence, where he had previously arranged.

How can it be said that COLE was, in any sense, a partner, or even acquainted with, MINER? The latter already had the plates in his possession; they formed the body of the crime for which he had been convicted, and he, to secure the best of the ordinary, effective appliances to secure the offender, with the plates upon his person, and the consequence to the criminal developed upon the trial, was done. This is the whole case in a nutshell, but seems to be entirely lost sight of by the World man, who in his article, seems to be bent on trying to throw odium upon the well-known efforts to suppress crime of all sorts, has perverted the truth. It is a fact patent to every full observer, that one of the main features of Gen. GRANT'S Administration has been its success in exposing and punishing violators of the Federal laws in every part of the country. A reference to the various Court records will show as sets forth the efforts of the worst enemies of the Administration to contradict. In this crusade against crime, public officers have had no more true friends than the honest, numbers individual, and their evil doings have been exposed, relentlessly, as those having an connection with the Government, but it cannot be expected that the present Administration, with all its energy, can reform New-York, though much has been done toward this great result. In this City, with its vast multitude of unprincipled leeches, ever ready to prey upon the vitals of society, rascality has succeeded appliances to overcome justice which have outgrown the utility of the law itself, which, in the hands of some of its exponents, has been used as a subterfuge to shield criminals rather than bring them to punishment.

The facilities wherewith to cope with modern roguery have not kept pace with the advancement of crime. There is a want of a proper understanding among the people as to the skill and subtlety of criminals. The obstacles in the way of preventing the punishment of crime are greater than the provisions of the laws enforcing it.

The remedy lies in the proper facilities being afforded for the speedy trial of parties accused of crimes, both as a matter of justice to the alleged offender and to the people who are interested in the enforcement of the law.

JUSTICE.

Tax Assessments.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your journal this morning contains a column article, the argument of which is that the Third-avenue Railroad Company ought to have been assessed upon the market value of the capital stock, without reference to its indebtedness; asserting that the market value is based upon the estimate of shrewd operators as to the value of the property of a corporation, over and above its liabilities. It is by no means conceded that your method is the one by which operators determine values. The prime question with these gentlemen is, what dividend does the stock pay; and any stock which for a series of years pays twelve to fourteen per cent dividend is very likely to command something like 200 per cent. It is evident that in the case in question the ability to pay a dividend exceeding seven per cent arises from the very fact that the Company is in debt. For instance—suppose that a company with $1,000,000 capital and $1,000,000 debt, earns ten per cent upon the $2,000,000, then, having but seven to pay upon its debt it is enabled to pay thirteen per cent upon its capital stock. Let this state of things continue for several years, and it would be impossible for any operators, however "shrewd," to keep the stock down anywhere near so low as par, although by your argument it would be worth only par. The truth is, that few stockholders are well informed as the intrinsic value of their property, the dividend being the common index or guage by which they are guided. In the Third-avenue case, however, assuming the market value as a basis, and the debt and real estate assessed wipe it out.

A much stronger case might have been made by your calling attention to the fact that the Company is allowed to deduct from its capital its real estate, as well as the debt incurred for the purchase of that very real estate. This certainly seems to be wrong, and yet it is perfectly analagous to the circumstances of an individual with a capital say of $50,000. He has put $25,000 in a house worth $50,000, on which he owes $25,000, and has invested $25,000 in business. When he makes his return he offsets his $25,000 mortgage against his $25,000 in business, and has no personal tax to pay. Yet it is wrong to say that a corporation and a person are on precisely the same footing, for a discrimination is made by law against the corporation, which, in thousands of instances, becomes practical. Take the case of a man with $50,000 capital, who invests the whole amount in real estate, assessed, say, $25,000. There is no mortgage, and yet he pays no personal tax, because all his capital is in real estate. Yet if he were incorporated, he would have to pay on his capital of $50,000, less the $25,000 for which his real estate is assessed, and his personal tax would be $25,000. But why not assess the Third-avenue Company arbitrarily, and leave them to the Courts? There is the very best authority for the statement that the late Judge BRONSON advised the predecessors of the present Board never to suffer a case of personal consequence to go into Court, for the law was so loose that the chances were too great against the City. In the only instances in which the present Board has ventured to disregard this advice the decisions have been against the City, and as a consequence this County has had to pay some $4,000 to the State for taxes not collected, besides costs.

Your article contains a good deal about the way the Third-avenue Company obtained its grant or charter, and the ill-accommodation it affords the public. Now, the Tax Commissioners have no right to punish any person or corporation for any shortcomings whatever. They have often been urged to do so in reference to property occupied by disreputable characters, but if they had, in any instance whatever, made their power an instrument of oppression upon any body, however good or bad, they certainly would deserve the many harsh epithets you have applied to them.

You make the statement as a "fact," that TWEED sold out $600,000 of Third-avenue Railroad stock, and allege that this large interest of his in that Company caused them to be favored in the assessment. Inquiry at the office of the Company develops the "fact" that TWEED never, at any time, held more than $25,000 of that stock; thus showing an exaggeration—it is hoped that word will not be deemed too sharp—of only thirty-one hundred per cent. I am informed upon the best authority that the TIMES will publish any reply to the attacks it makes, provided the reply be couched in "respectful language." Now, when a journal has drained the vocabulary of epithets and applied them to an official, it is certainly assuming that a good and official, however, destitute of all other qualities, allowed himself to be so far in error as to engage that amount of Christian virtue for business purposes, as to be able to make a "respectful" reply. This difficulty is greatly enhanced when the writer has to look inward for a

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, Feb. 6.—Day Calendar of the Court of Appeals for Feb. 7: Nos. 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 118.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos. 194—Gerrish vs. Brown.
195—Cayuga vs. Wilson.
196—Schuyler vs. Bateman.
197—Delevan vs. Colton.
198—Brinkley vs. Berkeley.

Nos. 199—Sommers vs. Sommers.
200—Donaldson vs. The Mayor, &c., of New-York.
201—Leavitt vs. Parsons.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Part I.—Held by Van Brunt, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos. 952—Lynch, &c., vs. Bunn, &c.
1041—Muldoon vs. Mayor, &c.
1194—Hurry vs. Tracy.
1195—Spring vs. The Mayor, &c. of the City of New-York.
1196—Hunt vs. The Mayor, &c. of the City of New-York.
1197—Lee, executor, &c., vs. The Mayor, &c. of the City of New-York.
1198—Van Hise vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
1199—Dodd et al. vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.

Nos. 1115—North American Life Insurance Co. vs. Bacon.
1141½—Peterson vs. Mayor, &c. of the City of New-York.
1155—Smith vs. Wainwright.
1156—Jones vs. Staten Island Railroad Co.
1157—Same vs. Same.
1173—Smith vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
1174—Smith vs. Osborn.
1175—Volmann vs. King.
1176—Smith vs. O'Brien.
1177—Buchanan vs. Sutton.
1178—Ormsby vs. Vermilyea.
1179—Cooper vs. Mining Co.
1180—Porter vs. Moore.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Freedman, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos. 1361—Miles vs. Old Dominion S. S. Co.
1364—Scott vs. Babcock.
1365—Taylor et al. vs. Forbes.

Nos. 1432—Godfrey vs. Williamsburgh City Fire Ins. Co.

Adjourned Calendar.

Nos. 1420—Bank of New-York vs. National Bank Association.
1423—Hornberg vs. Lemay.
1424—Fisher vs. Lubing.
1425—Worthley vs. Wentworth.
1426—Springsteed vs. Marshall.

Nos. 1427—Townsend vs. Narragansett Fire and Marine Ins. Co.
1428—Sprague vs. Vanderlip.
1429—Gerdes, admrx., vs. Miller.
1430—Manner vs. Lewis.
1431—Weil vs. Chase.
1471—Howard vs. Smith.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part II.—Held by Sedgwick, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos. 1420—Newberry et al. vs. Wells.
1421—Meyer vs. Thurber.
1422—Mitchell vs. West.
1423—Wright vs. Lycoming Fire Ins. Co.
1424—Palmer vs. Kelly.
1425—Marshall vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
1426—Illy vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.

Nos. 1427—Antrim vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
1428—Lagr vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
1429—Young vs. Pacific Mail Steam. Ins. Co.
1430—Reade vs. Clark.
1431—Lale vs. Fitzgerald.
1432—Lauzen vs. Herdt.
1433—Jones vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
1434—Spring vs. Day.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Daly, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos. 241—Fribourg vs. Ott.
242—The Gray Lithographing Engraving and Printing Co. vs. Am. Ton. Life and Sav. Ins. Co.
[illegible]—Hendie vs. Weitzer.
[illegible]—Schell, admr., vs. Wright et al.
[illegible]—Sears vs. Sears.
1054—Cohen vs. N. Y. Sewing-machine Co.
487—Molinch vs. Godfrey.
1138½—Gordon vs. Schafer.

Nos. 1165—Walker vs. Beach.
[illegible]—Wise vs. Rensselaer and Saratoga R. R. Co.
710—Peabody vs. Speyers.
[illegible]—Wright vs. Chamberlain.
[illegible]—Newton vs. Bennett.
[illegible]—Gardner vs. Dispatch Prop.
[illegible]—Lagerda vs. Landmann.
[illegible]—Wilcox vs. Mitchell.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Joachimsen, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos. 7[illegible]—Leach vs. Sinnott.
7[illegible]—Forgie vs. Beebe.
7[illegible]—Dwyer vs. The A. & E. C. Exp. Co.
7[illegible]—Shaw vs. Jenkins.
7[illegible]—Halleran vs. Bacon.
7[illegible]—Van Saun vs. Rathbun, (Jury.)
7[illegible]—Graves vs. Van Der Wilerjes.

Nos. 7[illegible]—Cullis vs. Kane, (Jury.)
7[illegible]—Carter vs. Winters.
7[illegible]—Sharlock vs. Hornberg.
7[illegible]—Hoffman vs. Cohen.
7[illegible]—Brown vs. Barker.
7[illegible]—Wallace vs. Dugan.
7[illegible]—Aiken vs. Skerick.
7[illegible]—Blackburn vs. Burnham.

Part II.—Held by Spaulding, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos. 7[illegible]—Gillespie vs. Buckley.
——Kehoe vs. Emerson.
——Wilson vs. Hoffman.
7817—Schweitzer vs. Kappenberg.
8352—Kaufman vs. Lazarus.
7846—Witters vs. Olivet.
8365—Allison vs. Gottheberger.
7801—Lansman vs. Babcock.

Nos. 8363—Mallee vs. Kelly.
7835—Wilson vs. Hobb.
7839—Hubbard vs. Sherlock.
7844—Arnold vs. McLane.
7821—Liebenstaller vs. Engel.
7822—Klein vs. Ryan.
7825—Murphy vs. Mathews.

Part III.—Held by Brady, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos. 8362—Donovan vs. Sanderson.
8372—Coleman vs. Coffin.
7866—Orr vs. Holmes.
8361—Chase vs. Stout.
8376—Durand vs. Edson.
8373—Hawthwhid vs. Kilroy.
8364—Wiedemayer vs. Faldbusch.

Nos. 8378—Askerman vs. Mc Mat.
8238—Chubbert vs. Adams.
8366—Benedict vs. Aarch.
8367—Byrne vs. Dechstone.
8368—Wickes vs. Coffin.
8369—Cornell vs. Jones.
8291—Acker vs. Carlies.
8292—Hartwig vs. Cullen.

DECISIONS.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, Feb. 6.—In the Court of Appeals on Tuesday, Feb. 6, the following decisions were given:

Judgment affirmed, with costs, in Wood vs. Cratty, Hamilton vs. Clinton, Conroy vs. Gale, Pollion vs. Mayor of the City of New-York.

Judgment reversed and new trial granted, costs to abide event: Madden vs. New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, Greenfield vs. Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Dickenson vs. Wason.

Order affirmed and judgment of the County Judge reversed and application dismissed without costs: People ex. rel. Wallace vs. Knowles, People ex. rel. Allen vs. Knowles.

Appeal dismissed with costs: People ex. rel. Mitchell vs. Lawrence.

Judgment reversed so far as it charges Mary Ann Quinn for costs of the court of chancery, as to the remedy with costs in this Court and in the Court below—chargeable upon the property in controversy: Erickson vs. Quinn.

Judgment of Supreme Court reversed and order of County Judge affirmed with costs: People ex. rel. Bostwick vs. Bostwick.

Orders of General Term and Special Term reversed, and motion to strike out part of answer denied with costs: Tattersall vs. McKay, Matthews vs. Hubbard.

Order granting new trial reversed, and judgment on report of referee affirmed with costs: Ingham vs. Dilworth. Motion for reargument of the opinion or for settlement of the judgment of this Court denied, but without prejudice to the right of the defendant to apply to the Supreme Court to direct in the execution of the judgment and to adjust the rights and equities of the parties under it, and not inconsistent with the judgment in respect to taxes charged upon the premises since the contract of purchase, and which should be paid by the plaintiff, and also in respect to the interest upon the $1,800 mortgage which accrued since the time for the completion of the contract, and which the vendor assumed by the plaintiff as a part of the purchase money.

Motion to revive and continue the action in the name of the heir at law and administrator of Dennis J. O'Donovan denied: Duffy vs. O'Donovan.

Judgment of the Supreme Court reversed and judgment ordered declaring the disposition of the property by the third clause of the will, as the law stood at the time of the testator's death, and directing that after the payment of the debts of the testator, and the legacies and other lawful charges upon the estate, except the legacies to Georgiana Ottmann and Catharine Gerling, the personal estate be divided equally between Wm. H. Jones, Georgiana Ottmann and Catharine Gerling; the distributees entitled under the statute of distribution; the cost of the several parties to be adjusted by the Supreme Court, and paid to the executors from the fund before making distribution; the pleadings to be resulted to the Supreme Court for such further action as may be necessary, to give effect to the judgment of this Court.—Knox vs. Jones.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 6.

By Judge Barnard.

Stevens vs. Gregory, &c.; motion granted, referees ordered.

Spingstead vs. King; motions granted.

The Maryland Coal Company vs. Edmonds; motion granted.

Wiley et al. vs. Carew; motion granted.

National Broadway Bank vs. Crump; motion denied.

Kierstead et al. vs. Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company; motions granted.

Brunner vs. Brown; Dunn vs. Burt; motions denied.

Martine vs. Mattice; motion granted.

Kain vs. Weston; order approved.

Chatterton vs. Nicholson; motion denied.

By Judge Barrett.

Samuel F. Appleton vs. Amelia Appleton; motion for stay upon appeal from order dated; motion for judgment on referee's report granted.

Schaefer vs. Schaefer et al.; motion for receiver denied with $10 costs.

Phillips vs. Shiffelt et al.; motion to confirm referee's report granted.

Roberts et al. vs. The Cheshyre State Company et al.; motion granted upon payment of $40 trial fee, and the costs of motion.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 6.

By Judge Monell.

Fuller vs. Stern, Volkenhuiser vs. Vertenbaker, Dunlap vs. Meelahan; motions granted. Rosebrewood vs. Sears; motion denied.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

By Judge Monell.

FIRE INSURANCE—A VERDICT AGAINST LAW AND EVIDENCE.

Mary Manchester vs. The Continental Insurance Company.—During the December Term this case came on for trial before Judge Monell and a jury, and a verdict was rendered in favor of plaintiff. The suit was brought to recover the amount of a policy of insurance issued by the defendant on the property of the plaintiff, which was destroyed by fire on the night of the 4th of December, 1870. The defendant's counsel moved for a nonsuit on the ground that the evidence showed that the property was not in the possession of the plaintiff at the time of the fire, but was in the possession of her husband, who was a bankrupt, and that the policy was void by reason of the change of possession. The plaintiff's counsel contended that the evidence showed that the property was in the possession of the husband as the agent of the plaintiff, and that the fact of his bankruptcy was immaterial. The Court granted the motion for a nonsuit, and ordered a bill of exceptions to be made. The plaintiff's counsel then moved for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was against the evidence and against law. The Court granted the motion, and vacated the verdict.

Adam, Bryan and F. Hassaurek for plaintiff; George W. Parsons for defendant.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

No. 94.—*The steam-ship Thames and Russell Sturgiss et al. vs. Dillon Seaman.* Appeal from the Circuit Court for the Southern District of New-York. This libel was filed against the steam-ship *Thames* in March, 1868, claiming damages for the non-delivery at New-York of certain cotton, shipped at Savannah by the *Thames*, the bill of lading for which had been assigned to the libellant, Seaman. The answer averred that the cotton mentioned was shipped by G. G. Van Pelt, Jr., not to be delivered to Bennett, Van Pelt & Co., of New-York, and was so delivered, and without notice of the claims of libellant, and that so much was ever made by him until long after the delivery; that the assignment of the bill of lading to him was by way of security for personal obligations of Bennett, Van Pelt & Co., who were solvent merchants, and to whom he looked for payment; and that he gave no notice, and did no act in assignment of the bill of lading on the arrival of the vessel, or upon the delivery of the cotton, nor until after that firm had become insolvent; and by his delay and laches, he waived and lost all claim against the vessel and her owners. Upon the hearing the District Court held that the delivery of the bills of lading for the cotton was intended to and did transfer the cotton to the libellant as security for the payment of the draft drawn upon the consignees by the consignor, for the value of the cargo, and the decree was for the libellant. This decree was reversed at the Circuit, and appeal was taken to this Court, where it is insisted that the bills of lading were transferred as security for the acceptance only and not for the payment of the draft to Brady & Moses, bankers in Savannah, who were correspondents of the Atlanta National Bank of Georgia, and had funds of the bank for the purchase of exchange on New-York, and who purchased the draft, thus making the Atlanta Bank the owner of it. They then sent the draft and bill of lading to Seaman, Cashier of the Fourth National Bank of New-York, for account of the Atlanta Bank, and it is submitted that Seaman could acquire no greater interest than that which Brady & Moses acquired by the transfer to them. But even if the transfer to the libellant was intended to secure the payment of the draft, he was not entitled to hold the vessel and owners for the non-delivery of the goods, because by his own *laches* he had suffered the cotton to go and the proceeds of Bennett, Van Pelt & Co. to remain in their possession until after their insolvency. It is insisted that the libellant was not entitled to maintain the action, because he was not the real party in interest, not had such title as would enable him to sue in admiralty. The Atlanta Bank was the real party in interest, and the libellant had no interest in, or connection with the transaction, save in his official capacity as cashier of the New-York Bank, which was correspondent in that City of the Atlanta Bank. Barney, Butler & Parsons for appellants; B. F. Lee for appellees.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Before Judge Blatchford.

THE FIRE SUITS AGAINST THE PACIFIC RAILROAD AND THE CREDIT MOBILIER.

In the equity suit of James Fisk, Jr., vs. The Union Pacific Railroad, the Credit Mobilier, et al., Mr. Field, as counsel for the complainant, moved, in the United States District Court, yesterday, that Mrs. Fisk be substituted as the complainant in the case, offering papers from the Surrogate's Court to prove that she was executrix of the deceased. Counsel for the defendants contended that she could only be substituted by a bill of revivor, in accordance with the English Chancery practice. After considerable argument, the Court finally determined that she could be substituted on her own personal petition, properly drawn up. Mr. Field said he was prepared, if the Court should wish, and asked the Court to immediately grant an order for the defendant's counsel to show cause why the petition should not be granted, so that as soon as the petition was allowed, argument could immediately ensue upon the demurrer which the defendants had filed to the complaint. He stated that it was time that the suit should be disposed of, as it had now been pending more than four years, notwithstanding his unremitting efforts to bring it to trial. Counsel for the defendants said that the session of the Court had taken them by surprise, allowing Mrs. Fisk to be substituted by petition, and they were not prepared to proceed with argument on the demurrer. The Court was of opinion that counsel for the defendants should have been ready to proceed in any event, but finally consented to allow the matter to stand over for the present.

In a suit filed by the widow of Charles W. Pollard against the same defendants, the demurrer to the complaint made by the defendants, on the ground that it was multifarious, joining two or more causes of action, was argued—it being contended by counsel for the plaintiff that the causes of action were separate, being substantially the same, and could not be separated without great injustice to the plaintiff. The Court took the papers, reserving its decision.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

Held at Albany—January Term.

IMPORTANT TO DENTISTS.

The Goodyear Dental Vulcanite Company et al. vs. Calvin B. Newton, of Belmont; the defendant was fined $50 for making and delivering hard rubber dental plates for violation of an injunction.

Same vs. Hubbell H. Watrous, of Lyons; committed to jail for thirty days, and until he shall pay costs for the like offence.

Same vs. Martin L. Van Buskirk, of Tully; Same vs. John T. Newell, of Ordensburg; Same vs. James Caven, of Tully; each defendant committed to jail for thirty days, and until payment of costs for the like offence.

Lee & Alvord, complainants' solicitors.

Caught at Last—And Released on Account of a Judicial Scrapie.

THOMAS LARKIN, a conductor of a Third-avenue car, was, on the 23d of December last, assaulted by ROBERT HALLORAN, a discharged driver, who beat him about the head and body with the car-hook, a similar weapon to that with which PETER PETERSON killed Mr. PUDNAM. LARKIN was severely beaten that his life was despaired of for some time. He rallied, however, and so far recovered as to be able to leave the hospital a couple of days ago. The Police of the Eighteenth Precinct have been on the lookout for HALLORAN since the time of the assault. Yesterday Officer COMNICK succeeded in handcuffing him, and took him before Justice DIXEY, in the Yorkville Police Court. As LARKIN had been out of the hospital some days and had neglected to get out a warrant for HALLORAN's arrest, as was his duty, the Justice did not feel justified in holding the prisoner. It is likely that a warrant will be issued and HALORAN be rearrested this morning.

The Sunset Will Case.

The examination of Mrs. ELIZA VANDERVOORT was resumed yesterday. The cross-examination by Mr. O'CONOR was chiefly on statements of the witness made at a previous examination. Mrs. COOK, who claims to be a granddaughter of REUBEN BALLOU, was the second witness yesterday. By her evidence it was sought to be shown that Major BALLOU had repeatedly stated that Gen. W. SOWDEN, the plaintiff, was his son by BETSEY BOWEN, of Mme. JUMEL. Judge SHIPMAN said he had considerable doubt about admitting evidence of this character. Counsel for the plaintiff argued that the private records made by BALLOU in regard to the heir of the plaintiff being admitted as evidence, his spoken statements on the same subject should also be admitted, as they were practically of the same character. The point was argued at length, and the Judge said he would give his decision to-day. Before the jury were discharged for the day, Judge SHIPMAN again warned them against forming any opinion which might prejudice the case in its present stage, when no evidence for the defense had been introduced. The case for the plaintiff will probably be rested today.

Another Contested-Will Case.

In the Surrogate's Court, yesterday, a new contested-will case was entered upon, in the matter of a paper propounded as the last will of BARBARA SULYER, deceased, late a resident of this City. The estate involved is about $10,000, and two wills are in existence, one executed an hour before the death of the testatrix. This will is claimed by the executor named therein, and in case it is not set aside the other will will be contested. The grounds of contest are informality in execution, incapacity on the part of the deceased, &c. Three subscribing witnesses to the paper were examined yesterday. Messrs. Hayes & Greene appear in support of the will, and Mayor F. ANDREWS, Esq., is conducting the contest.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Stock Exchange Sales—Feb. 6.

FIRST BOARD.

$96,000 U. S. 6s '81 C.....108½	100 Canton Co.....[illegible]		
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '67.....111½	100 Pacific Mail.....[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
10,000 U. S. 6s old.....97	400 do.....[illegible]		
9,000 do.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
1,000 N. Y. Cent. 6s '87 [illegible]	1200 do.....[illegible]		
1,000 Chic. Burl. & Q. 6s.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
1,000 do.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
1,000 do.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
10,000 U. Pac. 1st.....[illegible]	100 W. U. Tel. bd. call [illegible]		
7,000 do.....[illegible]	200 do.....[illegible]		
1,000 Tol. A. A. & N. M. 1st [illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
[illegible]	[illegible]		
1,000 Col. & Chi. 6s.....[illegible]	100 Adams Express.....[illegible]		
11,000 C. & R. I. 6s.....[illegible]	100 U. S. Express.....[illegible]		
5,000 N. J. Cent. 6s.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
7,000 Ohio & Ind. 7s.....[illegible]	200 N. Y. C. & H. R.....[illegible]		
1,000 Ohio & M. 7s.....[illegible]	400 do.....[illegible]		
4,000 Mil. & St. P. 1st.....[illegible]	100 N. Y. C. & H. R. b. d. [illegible]		
1,000 C. Clev. T. & C. 1st.....[illegible]	100 Mich. S. & N. I. s. s. [illegible]		
2,000 Cal. & A. 1st.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
10,000 R. I. & S. 1st.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
[illegible]	100 N. J. Central bd. call [illegible]		
1,000 W. St. L. & P. 1st.....[illegible]	20 Cal. & A. s. s.....[illegible]		
1,000 do.....[illegible]	300 do.....[illegible]		
2,000 Jac. C. & W. 1st.....[illegible]	5 Ca. C. C. & Ind.....[illegible]		
3,000 Clev. & T. 1st.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
1,000 Ill. Cent. s. f. 8s.....[illegible]	200 Mich. Cent.....[illegible]		
9 Fourth Nat. Bk.....[illegible]	100 do.....bet. call [illegible]		
[illegible]	100 Del., L. & W.....[illegible]		
200 do.....bet. call [illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
[illegible]	100 Rens. & Saran. R. [illegible]		
100 Quick. Min. Co.....[illegible]	100 Ohio & M. Pf.....[illegible]		
[illegible]	100 Hartford & Hoosac.....[illegible]		
100 do.....bet. call [illegible]	500 U. Pac. bet. call. bd. [illegible]		
100 Mariposa.....[illegible]	100 do.....[illegible]		
1200 do.....[illegible]	100 Tol., W. & W. b. d. [illegible]		
200 do.....[illegible]	200 St. L. & I. M. 1st [illegible]		

SECOND BOARD.

$40,000 U. S. 6s '81 C.....108½	200 Canton Co. at M.....[illegible]		
9,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65.....110½	200 do.....bet. call [illegible]		
1,000 U. S. 5-20 R. '67.....110½	300 do.....[illegible]		
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65.....111	100 Pacific Mail.....[illegible]		
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '67.....112	100 Pacific Mail.....b.c. [illegible]		
20,000 U. S. 6s 10-40 R.....107	200 do.....[illegible]		
5,000 Ill. Cent. 8s.....[illegible]	100 U. S. Express.....[illegible]		
Jan. & July.....[illegible]	40 N. Y. C. & H. R.....[illegible]		
15,000 Con. Pac. G. 1st.....[illegible]	200 do.....[illegible]		
8,000 Union Pac. 1st.....[illegible]	400 Erie Railway.....[illegible]		
1,000 Union Pac. L.G. 6s.....[illegible]	400 Harlem.....[illegible]		
10,000 do.....[illegible]	100 Mich. S. & N. I.....[illegible]		
1,000 Union P. Pr. 1st.....[illegible]	200 do.....[illegible]		
1,000 C. & N. W. s. f.....[illegible]	400 Chic. & N. W. b.s.....[illegible]		
3,000 Chic. & N. W. 1st.....[illegible]	100 Chic. & R. I.....b.c. [illegible]		
100 Marietta and Cin. 1st.....[illegible]	100 C., C. & I. C. b.s.....[illegible]		
100 Canton.....[illegible]	200 St. L. & Iron M.....[illegible]		
100 do.....bet. call [illegible]	100 do.....bet. call [illegible]		
300 do.....[illegible]	100 Han. & St. Jos.....[illegible]		

TUESDAY, Feb. 6—P. M.

The Wall-Street Markets moved with much irregularity today, influenced by the London telegraphs, and by a sudden change from ease at 6 ₱ cent. to a sharp demand for Money at 7 ₱ cent. among the Brokers. The continued discussion by the London Press of the Treaty of Washington and the tenor of the Queen's Speech were construed as unsettling our relations with England, supposed to have been adjusted by the Treaty concluded at Washington last Spring, but there was so little real concern on the subject manifested in the Gold Room and in the Foreign Exchanges, both of which are usually the most sensitive barometers of Foreign trouble, that the Stock Exchange seemed to be at fault as to the effect of the reopening of the *Alabama* controversy. Gold was barely 110 ₱ cent., and Bills on London sold at 109 ₱ cent. (60 days, and 109½ ₱ cent., short sight, with a larger offering than the demand for Wednesday's steamer could take at the quotations.

The Public Funds were steady through the day, and, after the least favorable telegrams from London and Washington about the Treaty, they closed quite as well as yesterday. The Cable quotations also showed little or no alteration abroad.

The sharp demand for Money developed about 1½ P. M., in connection with London and Washington political rumors, caused a weaker feeling in the Railroad Stocks at the Exchange, and the business done was not only limited in amount, but at rather lower figures than at the close on Monday afternoon. On the Miscellaneous list, there was greater activity, and the speculation in Pacific Mail, Maryland Coal, Quicksilver Company, and Canton Land Company was quite spirited, and, with the exception of Maryland Coal, at advancing prices. In the Pacific Mortgages, there seemed to be orders from abroad in both Centrals and Unions, and the prices of yesterday were well supported. There was not much done in the Southern State Bonds.

The Customs demand for Gold today amounted to $618,000. The present month will probably show the same increase, 10 ₱ cent., in the Treasury revenues from this source, as in January, over last year.

After the late Board the following quotations were made as compared with Monday night. Gold and Exchange both looked dull, and the Railroads in the Hall of the Exchange were indifferently supported.

CLOSING PRICES—FEB. 6.

	Monday.	Tuesday.
United States New 5s	109	109
U. S. 5-20s, '65, May and Nov.	111½	111½
U. S. 5-20s, '67, Jan. and July	112½	112½
American Gold	110½	110
Bills on London, 60 days	109½	109
N. Y. Central and Hudson	98½	98
N. Y. C. and Hud. Deb. Ctfs.	93	93
Erie	114	114
Reading	112½	112½
North-west Common	74½	74
North-west Preferred	92	92
Pacific Mail	59½	59½
St. Paul Preferred	74	75
St. Paul Common	56½	56
Ohio and Mississippi	46½	46
Toledo and Wabash	78½	78
Western Telegraph	72½	71
Erie	30½	31½
Union Pacific	38½	38
Lake Shore	91½	90
Lake Shore Scrip	87½	88

At the very close of the Hall of the Exchange the Railroad speculation was dull and irregular.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 6, 1872.

Gold receipts	$1,471,405 49
Gold payments	676,808 42
Gold balance	71,297,856 26
Currency receipts	256,242 49
Currency payments	236,671 76
Currency balance	6,424,973 19
Customs	618,000 00

The closing quotations for the various Public Funds of the United States are as follows:

6 ₱ ct. reg., '81	114½	5-20 reg., '67	111½
6 ₱ ct. coup., '81	115½	5-20 coup., '67	112½
5-20 reg., '62	110½	5-20 reg., '68	111½
5-20 coup., '62	110½	5-20 coup., '68	112½
5-20 reg., '64	110½	10-40 reg.	107½
5-20 coup., '64	110½	10-40 coup.	108
5-20 reg., '65	110½	5s reg., '81	109½
5-20 coup., '65	111½	5s coup., '81	109½
5-20 reg., n. i. '66	110½	6s Currency	114½
5-20 coup., n. i. '66	110½		

The following are the last prices offered for the miscellaneous stocks dealt in at the Exchange Board:

Del. and Hud. Canal	119	Quick. Min. Co., Pref.	32½
Pennsylvania Coal	240	Mariposa Min. Co.	3
Hazleton Coal Co.	32	Rens. Min. Co. Pref.	2½
Anthracite Coal	60½	Mon. Tron Cliffs	32
Spring Mount. Coal	35	Adams Express	72
Chesap. Ch. Bank	22½	Wells, Fargo Ex.	64½
Cr. Lead Dam. Co.	75	Am. M. U. Express	26½
Gentil. Coal of Md.	32½	U. S. Express	42
W. Union Tel.	71½	Pac. Mail S. S. Co.	59½
Quicksilver Min. Co.	18½		

The following offers were made at the Exchange Board for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	134½	Bank of the Republic	116
Manhattan	130	Bank of N. America	103
Merchants	110	Hanover	150
Mechanics'	231	Irving	64
Union	135	Metropolitan	128½
America	140	Mech. Bank	116
City	225	Nassau	105
Phenix	70	Hide and Leather	114½
Tradesmen's	110	Merchant's Exch.	81
Fulton	71½	Commonwealth	83
Gallatin National	120	New-York County	125
Leather Manufacturers	240	Howard and Tribune	107
State of New-York	112	Central National	104
Commerce	126½	First National	250
Broadway	270	Fourth National	100½
Ocean	90	Gallatin National	120
Greenwich	82	Oriental	101
American Exchange	118	Park and Lyons	125

PHILADELPHIA STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Telegraphed to Messrs. E. D. Randolph & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, Old	97	97½
City 6s, New	99½	100
Camden and Amboy	126½	126½
Pennsylvania Central	60½	62½
Reading	114½	115
Lehigh Valley	60½	60½
Philadelphia and Erie	27	27½
Northern Central	52½	53
Lehigh Navigation	60	60½
Lehigh Gold Loan	58	58½

As important and very rarely purchase—or, rather, series of purchases—of Real Estate on and near the south-east corner of Wall and Broad streets, has recently been made by Messrs. DREXEL & Co., of Philadelphia, and Col. GEORGE W. CHILDS, of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, involving a round million of dollars. And most of the buildings on the property being very old, the whole will be taken down after the first of May, and an immense marble fire-proof building erected, planned, we presume, for Banking Offices, and the use of Brokers, Lawyers, &c. The negotiations for this great purchase have been going on for some time past. The first bargain was concluded at $170,000, for Nos. 8 and 9 Broadway, the two buildings together, about thirty-five feet front, with what was originally an alleyway of 8 feet on Wall, now and for nearly half a century used by DELATOUR and his predecessors and successors for the sale of Soda and other Mineral Waters. No. 1 Broad-street, only fourteen feet front, with forty feet on Wall, was more difficult to come at, and our information is that $350,000 in Gold was paid for this small lot and its red brick building. To this has been added No. 27, next below DELATOUR'S, and adjoining the Leather Bank, 22 feet front, and running back 90 feet, for which $250,000 also was paid. Then No. 7 Broad, 35 feet front, and No. 9 Broad, about 30 feet front, (the whole, as in No. 3 and No. 5 Broad and No. 27 Wall, in the company of Stockbrokers,) and for these two lots and buildings about $320,000 is reported to have been paid—making $1,000,000 for 80 feet on Wall, and 114 feet on Broad-street. We congratulate our respected and fortunate Philadelphia friends upon their realizing sense of the future of Wall-street, as manifested not only in the purchase of the lots with their present incumbrances of old buildings, but in their purpose to erect a marble structure equally creditable to the prominent location of the property, and to their own good taste and public spirit. It is at least possible that Col. CHILDS contemplates an early transfer of his own newspaper enterprise to New-York, as his co-proprietor, Mr. DREXEL, has already found it to his interest to place his chief banking interest here through Messrs. DREXEL, MORGAN & Co., who will no doubt occupy the best suite of offices in the new building.

The Toledo and Wabash Road earned in

January, 1872	$469,760
January, 1871	395,175
Increase	$74,605

The week's exports of Domestic Produce have been to the currency value of $5,808,173.

The New-York Fire Insurance Company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of *Eight ₱ cent.*, payable on demand.

The Whale Fishery in 1871.

The New-Bedford *Whalemen's Shipping List*, in its annual review of the whaling interest for 1871, says:

We have to record another year of poor success in the whale fishery; both as concerns oil taken and pecuniary results, only about twenty-four vessels out of ninety-one returned having met with good success in taking oil, and scarcely ten of the whole fleet having left their owners any gains in the net results of the voyage terminated. The average low prices ruling for oil and bone the first nine months of the year, when most of our arrivals occurred, tending to this result, and the large advance brought about by the almost total disaster to our Arctic fleet coming too late to change such results.

Importations of Sperm oil, Whale-oil, and Whalebone into the United States in 1871:

	Sperm.	Whale.	Bone.
New-Bedford	10,564	15,710	500,000
Fairhaven	109	135	...
Marion	325	361	700
Westport	600	40	400
District of New-Bedford	11,598	16,246	501,100
Nantucket	2,024	1,415	17,002
Provincetown	2,024	1,527	...
Boston	1,162	623	...
Salem	1,321	4	...
New-London	181	8,488	18,500
Sag Harbor	235	310	...
New-York	1,020	6,200	2,500
Total	21,584	75,163	600,602

Imports from 1836 to 1871.

Imports of	Sperm. bbls.	Whale. bbls.	Bone. lbs.
1836	41,484	73,152	600,000
1837	55,123	72,621	700,000
1838	47,936	85,011	600,000
1839	47,174	68,575	900,000
1840	46,268	80,236	1,001,297
1841	44,623	76,302	1,000,000
1842	53,242	76,326	610,000
1843	64,973	71,823	700,000
1844	62,601	62,974	650,000
1845	58,041	102,678	800,000
1846	65,929	135,717	1,000,000
1847	72,769	149,005	1,227,000
1848	81,561	159,411	1,223,000
1849	71,941	139,030	1,000,000
1850	78,449	98,941	2,000,000
1851	80,947	197,980	2,021,700
1852	72,600	184,015	2,707,500
1853	75,095	129,857	3,465,000
1854	103,077	253,114	5,422,000
1855	76,872	84,311	1,259,000
1856	87,981	223,463	8,038,000
1857	63,100	158,018	3,000,000
1858	58,135	118	231,000
1859	53,086	1,400	302,100
1860	57,459	12,000	330,000
1861	37,526	41,797	370,300
1862	29,083	83,248	1,004,000
1863	37,047	69,369	1,145,000

Stocks of Oil and Whalebone in the United States Jan. 1, 1872:

	Sperm. bbls.	Whale. bbls.	Bone. lbs.
New-Bedford and Fairhaven	12,660	26,670	173,800
Boston	1,100	1,000	...
Nantucket	1,000	...	...
Edgartown	85	100	...
Provincetown	200	...	...
Salem	120	...	...
New-London	1,000	1,000	7,000
New-York	...	...	132,000
Total	14,570	30,870	312,

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NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7, 1872.

Amusements This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—FRANCI (English Opera.)—Miss Pauline Rose.

BOOTH'S THEATER.—JULIUS CÆSAR—Mr. Edwin Booth.

WALLACK'S THEATER.—FOUL GAME—Mr. Lester Wallack.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY—Mr. G. L. Fox and Kirsley Troupe.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—DIVORCE—Charlotte by company.

BIELOW GARDEN.—THE BLACK CROOK—Miss Kate Santley.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—ATHLETIC GYMNASIUM and ACROBATIC FEATS. Matinée at 2 o'clock.

ST. JAMES THEATRE.—MOHALE—Mr. J. A. Mackaye and Miss Griswold.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE.

STADT THEATRE.—MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR. (German Opera.)

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES AND CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and Evening.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—EQUESTRIAN, GYMNASTIC AND ATHLETIC FEATS.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—NEGRO MINSTRELSY—FARCES.

ASSOCIATION HALL.—MRS. JARLEY'S WAX-WORKS.

STEINWAY HALL.—LECTURE by C. G. Rosenberg. Subject—"The Good in James Fisk, Jr."

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The statement of Mr. GLADSTONE, last night, did not throw very much light on the cause of the excitement which has recently prevailed in England over the Treaty of Washington. We knew before that the English people regarded the American claims as unreasonable. But we regard the English claims for payment of the Confederate loan by this country as unreasonable. When two nations have differences of this kind, the need of arbitration is felt, provided an amicable settlement of these differences is sought for. If the claims on either side are "preposterous"—to use Mr. GLADSTONE's phrase—the arbitrators will so decide, and both parties will be bound to submit to the decision. It is useless to refer the case to arbitration unless we consent to refer the whole case—and having so consented, it seems a foolish course to withdraw from it. Gen. GRANT has resolved to make no modification in our case as it was originally presented, and in doing so he will be supported by the country. As for talk of war, it is too absurd for serious discussion. The people of England do not want to go to war with this country—this country does not want to go to war with them. Probably such an issue has never been seriously discussed, even in the most intemperate of the English journals—the public messages are very apt to misrepresent and exaggerate comments on such subjects. It suits some hare-brained writers to get up a war cry, but the bulk of the people in the United States and England know that war between two such nations would be a disgrace to civilization, and they are not likely to be hounded into it by passionate journalists. If the Geneva Conference should fail, we shall only be where we were before—but the position of England will be worse than it was before, and it is to be hoped that Mr. GLADSTONE and his Government will perceive this, if his advisers in the Press do not.

The public will doubtless have observed that while cantankerous papers like the *Nation* have indulged in a good deal of random talk about "Custom-house abuses," the TIMES is as yet the only journal which has recommended practical reforms. This is the best answer that can be given—and is, indeed, the only answer that it necessary—to the intentionally mendacious assertions of the *Nation* that we are opposed to Custom-house reform. When doctrinaires get angry, they are slightly more regardless of the truth than ordinary mortals—and the *Nation* for some time past has been very angry, and has consequently been telling a great many lies. While it was blundering about in this way, we strongly recommended the total abolition of the General Order business as at present conducted. That seemed to us a substantial measure of reform. Our readers will be glad to learn, from our Washington correspondence, that the President is likely to adopt this course. No doubt it will be said that he is opposed to reform, and the papers which are audacious enough to say a good word for him will be denounced as his hirelings. While the President continues to carry out reforms, the public will not be likely to pay much attention to the ravings of dyspeptic philosophers.

The Queen's speech, delivered at the opening of the British Parliament, is a more than usually colorless document. Its reference to the attitude of the Government on the *Alabama* claims gives it an accidental interest, which no other part of it invites. Commercial prosperity and political inaction are the key-notes of the speech, and of the programme of legislation which it indicates. Notwithstanding the pains taken by Sir CHARLES DILKE and his friends, it seems tolerably certain that the Gladstone Cabinet is in perfect accord with the prevailing sentiment of the country in deferring for the present the introduction of anything like radical changes. In the absence of any hint of interfering with the House of Lords, of touching the sacred rights of primogeniture, or of simplifying the laws relating to the land, the most cautious of its adherents can hardly affect to distrust the policy of the Premier on the score of its tendency to unsettle venerable traditions.

The public need not doubt the accuracy of the information which we gave them exclusively yesterday, that indictments had been found against Mayor HALL and NATHANIEL SANDS. We presume the indictments will be presented next Saturday, and that the active canvassing which is now going on, in favor of both HALL and SANDS, will fail. The desire to protect these men is strong among some members of the Grand Jury, but there are men on it of great firmness and good sense, and they are not to be easily coerced. We hope it will be possible some day to let the public know to whom they are really indebted for what has been done.

The Board of Audit and Mr. Van Nort.

With all due respect to Commissioner VAN NORT and his friends, we cannot but regard his mode of presenting claims on the new "Board of Audit" as somewhat sensational, and calculated to produce a slovenly settlement of very important affairs. Crowds of men connected with his Department of Public Works, or with the Fire Department, are reported to have accompanied the Commissioner, demanding their dues and an immediate settlement of their claims. His somewhat ardent speeches are loudly applauded, and altogether an improper pressure appears to have been brought upon Mr. GREEN to settle everything claimed, in a gush of sentimentality.

Fortunately the Controller is a man of nerve, and of the most exact business integrity. Even his enemies give him the title of "the bull-dog of the Treasury." He would, no doubt, have been exceedingly happy to have settled all just and well-known claims at once, as was the natural duty of the Controller when he had the means. But Mr. VAN NORT's friends have chosen to tie his hands, and to make the settlement of claims a more cumbersome affair, and Mr. GREEN is the last man to stretch the law, even in the interests of humanity. He is required now to make known the claims in a public session of the Board of Audit, and then five days must elapse for consideration and discussion before they can be settled. Moreover the just and proper claims, which needed no Board of Audit, included by Mr. GREEN in his original bill, amounting to some four and a half millions of dollars, are by this act mixed up with all sorts of claims, amounting to over eight millions. Such doubtful and difficult claims as these on the public Treasury cannot be settled by a town-meeting vote and an eloquent speech of Commissioner VAN NORT. They ought to be carefully weighed and examined. Not a penny should be paid without the closest investigation, even if all the pipe-men and firemen of the City are in the antercoms.

Of course it is hard for these men not to get their daily wages, and to be living so long "on tick," but so it is for the hundreds of teachers in the public schools; so it is for the numerous agents of the Commissioners of Charities, and for thousands of others dependent on the City Treasury. Mr. VAN NORT may be striving to make a little cheap capital by bringing in the employes of the Police and the Fire Department to applaud his presentation of their claims, but it does not look like a thorough and careful mode of doing business. We see he has already presented two little bills for his own department amounting to some $47,000. We certainly trust that no claims of a department which has had TWEED for its head and manager will be paid without the closest investigation. The whole working of the new Board of Audit justifies all we have said against the scheme. Immense claims against the City are to be presented to three gentlemen already utterly absorbed in the management of their own departments. They are confused between unjust and just claims, and the latter must be delayed to give time to examine the former. The act itself is found unsufficient, and a supplementary act must be sent to Albany to be passed by the Legislature before it can be effective. All this confusion and opening for frauds was brought about to give the Republicans a voice in the auditing. It was on this ground that the rural Republicans defeated the first bill, and passed the Tweedy bill. Now, our readers well know that no journal better represents the Republicans of New-York City than this. But in this matter, as in the framing of the charter, we believe there are higher than party considerations. We want, first of all, an honest and permanent Government, and to accomplish this we are glad to receive help from all parties. We desire this Reform movement to be elevated above mere partisanship. We want to see honest and patriotic men, without regard to party, governing this great City. And though we act in this from purely patriotic motives, and shall support honest Democrats, if they seem likely to do the public work better than our own men, yet we call upon the Legislature to observe that not time in the year twenty years has the Republican Party been so strong in this City as it is now, merely because it has been acting from considerations above party. If the present Legislature, and the new charter, should give us a thoroughly Reformed City Government, we shall have a stronger Republican Party than ever.

What has weakened and almost killed our party here has been the existence of such tricksters as MAHONEY and "HANK SMITH," and others, who suppose that a great party can only be built up by low jobbery and disgraceful chicanery and wire-pulling. The only way to build up the Republicans in New-York City is to utterly cast aside the wire-pullers and professional politicians, whether in the Custom-house, the Board of Police, or the Tribune office, and to trust to honest men doing their work honestly. If our Reformers can govern the City honestly and well, the Republican Party will have here a new lease of life. For this reason, we have supported Mr. GREEN and the first bill for a Board of Audit; for this reason we object to such men as VAN NORT managing our financial affairs.

Mr. Husted's Gravel.

The House Committee of Ways and Means in the State Legislature, has been instructed to investigate the circumstances attending the award of the gravel contract by the late Commissioners of Public Parks to a Company, of which Messrs. HUSTED and FREAR were the managing partners. For the benefit of the Committee and the public, we present the following summary of the case as it stands.

Mr. HUSTED's story is that in the year 1870, he, in connection with other gentlemen, organized the Hudson River Gravel Company, which entered into competition with the lessees of the gravel banks near Peekskill and on the opposite bank of the river. Command of capital enabled this Company to compel its competitors to enter into its service, and so enabled them to secure on their own terms, the trade with the City of New-York. At the close of the season of 1870 the business was found to be unprofitable, and the Company was wound up. In the Winter of 1871, Mr. HUSTED, in connection with FREAR, formed what is known as the Peekskill Gravel Company, and secured, at a rental of $10,000 a year, a lease of the Red Hook banks, (yielding the superior quality of gravel required by the Park Commissioners,) and procured sub-leases of other banks in Peekskill Bay, which produced gravel of a similar quality. This Company fixed the price of the gravel at $3 50 a cubic yard, delivered at the Central Park. The Park Commissioners being unable to purchase the quality required elsewhere, were compelled to pay this price, as well as the extra thirty cents per yard demanded for screening the gravel. Mr. HUSTED and his partner had no arrangement with the Park Commissioners as to the award of the contract, and their profits on the business never exceeded ten per cent.

The story of Mr. JESSE RYDER differs materially from the foregoing. From the commencement of the Central Park, he furnished the original Board of Commissioners with very nearly all the gravel they required. After the war, and up to the Summer of 1870, the average price charged by him was $2 00 per cubic yard, delivered. With this price he was perfectly contented, and so were the old Park Commissioners. He never suffered in any way from competition till the Hilton, Sweeny and Field's Commission transferred the contract from him to HUSTED & FREAR. He was, at that time, supplying gravel at $2 50 per cubic yard. They did not offer to supply the gravel at a lower price, nor did they offer to furnish it from Red Hook. They were not proprietors of any gravel bank, but as they had the order for gravel, and he had the material, he sold to them at a reduced profit to himself. The Company was very destitute of capital, and put him to great inconvenience by the irregularity of their payments. They lost money in 1870, because they had to pay TOM MCCONNELL—a friend of SWEENY—an extravagant price for conveying the gravel from the river to the parks. If HUSTED & FREAR cleared only ten per cent. on their business for 1871, at the price of $3 50 per cubic yard, there must have been "bad management, or silent partners, or leeches somewhere."

Thus far the question of veracity between Mr. HUSTED and Mr. RYDER. As affecting the tax-payers of New-York, the facts are simply these. In August, 1870, the newly-appointed Tammany Park Commission found that their predecessors had been purchasing gravel at $2 50 per cubic yard. After a short interval, the purchasing of gravel was placed in the hands of HILTON, and the price was suddenly advanced, first to $3 50 per yard, and then to $3 80, though the gravel came from the same banks as before. Something like 27,000 cubic yards of gravel were purchased at this figure, involving a loss to the tax-payers of New-York, as compared with the price paid by the old Board, of $33,000. Whatever were the reasons for paying the high price demanded by the Peekskill Gravel Company, they certainly were not imperative. This is proved by the fact that an offer from responsible parties is now in the hands of the Department of Parks, offering to supply gravel from the same banks at substantially the former price. Here, then, is the case in a nutshell. Under the administration of Messrs. GREEN, SWEENY and their associates, gravel was purchased at an average price of $3 60. HILTON no sooner gets control of the parks than the price advances to $3 80. HILTON is no sooner out of the Department, and Col. STEARNS put in his place, than the old offer of $3 60 is renewed; and this, be it noted, for the same quality of gravel, taken from the same bank.

To explain this mysterious transaction, perhaps it would be well for the Committee to send for Judge HILTON, as well as for Mr. VAN NORT and Mr. BARNES. In a letter addressed to us on the subject, in December last, HILTON states that all the gravel used in the parks was purchased by either Mr. VAN NORT, then Controller of the Department, or by Mr. BARNES, the contracting clerk. Some of the authorities may be able to explain to the citizens of New-York how they came to be charged out of $33,000.

The Field in Connecticut.

The Democratic Convention in Connecticut has endeavored to be "wise in its day and generation." It has done everything in its power to persuade the people that the Democracy of today in that State is not the Democracy they have hitherto known. It has discarded its old principles, repudiated the veteran ENGLISH, who has so long borne its colors, nominated a strong War Democrat for Governor, and adopted certain the resolutions of the Missouri belting Republicans, with only one important omission. That omission is, however, very significant—it consists in the acknowledgment of "the rightful sovereignty of the Union," which in the Missouri resolutions was made very prominent.

We may fairly say, then, that the Connecticut Democrats have tried to come as near as possible to the realization of the long-talked of "possum policy." If they have not left their nominations to disaffected Republicans, it is to be remembered that no disaffected Republicans put in an appearance to take the job off their hands. If they have not themselves placed a disaffected Republican at the head of their ticket, it is a striking evidence of the fact that they could find none suited to that rather undesirable position. After doing their best, however, the new dodge is being tried by the Connecticut Democrats under serious embarrassments. They have done just enough to prevent a victory, if by chance they should get one, producing the impression of a regular Democratic victory, and they have not done enough to test the safety of carrying out the "possum policy" to its full extent in the great campaign to which the Connecticut canvass will serve as a reconnoissance in force. If they can persuade all the rank and file to stand the repudiation of their time-honored views, and the ignominious rejection of their most prominent leaders, they are still as much in the doubt as ever whether the rank and file would further stand a request to vote for a Republican candidate for President. On the other hand, if they succeed in winning a few wavering Republicans to vote for a Democrat, it by no means follows that the same voters or as many, would give their ballots to some disappointed politician, bartering his reputation as a Republican with the Democrats to defeat the well-known principles of Republicanism. In addition to the perplexity arising for the Connecticut Democracy from their ticklish compromise with the Missouri intrigue, they labor under a very palpable disadvantage in the break-down of the Tammany treasury and the Tammany reserve of repeaters. It will not be possible, this Spring, as it has been for several years, to coin the money stolen from the tax-payers of New-York into votes for the great principles of Democracy, even if those principles had not been pitched overboard. Nor will it be possible to forge an indorsement for the boasted policy they have adopted as their own, by means of the fraudulent votes and voters which the late chiefs of Tammany so liberally furnished. TWEED, and WOODWARD, and INGERSOLL, and GARVEY, and many other members of the gorgeous American Club, whose members rallied every Spring to help "the party" in the State which was honored with their Summer dissipation, will not this year shed the effulgence of their stolen diamonds about the polls of Norwich. Not only is the trick of the Democracy a desperate and dangerous one, but it is made in the face of a united Republican Party, and with resources heavily reduced by the defeat of their allies in this State.

Women in the Pulpit.

Next to the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian organization is the most staid and conservative of all the Protestant sects. The steady opposition to innovation which the Presbyterians have uniformly offered is probably due, partly to the influence of the clear, cold Scottish intellect of its chief heroes and apostles, and partly to the dignity attaching to a body which has long been the State Church in a part of the United Kingdom. Be this as it may, the fact remains that new doctrines and novel preachers find no favor in the Presbyterian Church, and it is, therefore, not a matter of surprise that a Brooklyn Presbytery has been discussing the act of a Presbyterian minister in having permitted a woman to enter his pulpit. It is more surprising that the Presbytery has been compelled to come to a compromise on the question which neither condemns nor excuses the act of the minister.

The admission of women to the pulpit cannot avoid becoming a question of discussion, now that women have successfully entered the medical college and the court-room. Already several of the sects thus perhaps represent more closely than does the Presbyterian Church the average sentiment of the people, and which do not claim, as does the Catholic Church, a divinely-appointed priesthood, have admitted the right of women to preach. If a Presbyterian woman can practice medicine or law, it is difficult to see what logical objection can be made to her preaching from the pulpit. The National Convention of the Presbyterians will, of course, be arrayed against the female preachers; but woman's abstract right to occupy the Presbyterian pulpit can hardly be denied by those who admit her right to assist the litigious, or heal the sick Presbyterian.

But the question of expediency often remains when that of abstract right has been decided. We may grant the coherent right of women to preach, but it is by no means clear that a woman in the pulpit, or engaged in the week-day parochial duties of the pastor, is to be desired above rubies, or even above the average ministerial man. Of the ability of many women to write admirable sermons, and to deliver them forcibly and eloquently, and of the purity and sincerity of belief which characterize the intelligently religious woman, there is no question. But will the immoral young Adonis, with ever-ready to make love to the woman preacher, which the woman preacher knows and can know nothing? Will he respect her as a spiritual guide, when harassed by temptations to which she is an utter stranger? Will he regard her denunciations of vice with absolute respect, when he knows that vice is something of which she has no actual experience? The value of a spiritual guide depends, in a great measure, upon his ability to comprehend the emotions, and understand the temptations, to which the man who seeks his counsel is subject. The barrier of sex must necessarily often unfit a woman for this high office of the ministry. The man who has known temptation, and bears in his own soul the scars of sin, can preach and counsel with a force and fervency born of actual experience. To the woman preacher this experience is impossible. The knowledge of vice leaves on her a stain, which, justly or unjustly, shuts her out from the pulpit, however thorough may be her repentance. A man will submit to reproof and accept counsel from his fellow-man, but he will give little heed to the well-meant exhortations of a woman, since his very belief in her purity will militate in his mind against her competency as a counselor.

There are other grounds on which the presence of women in the pulpit may be objected to as inexpedient; grounds which are obvious, however little they may deserve condemnation. In regard to the alleged offence of Dr. CUYLER, it should be noted that he distinctly opposes the right of women to administer the sacraments, and would restrict them to the privileges of public preaching and praying. Moreover, he holds that St. Paul, who permitted women to prophesy, intended to give them permission to preach. Since the Presbyterian Church has never directly prohibited the advance of women to the pulpit, but has encouraged them to take part in the prayer-meeting and the Bible class, it is difficult to see upon what the present proceedings of the Brooklyn Presbytery were founded. The question whether women shall be permitted to preach, if not to perform all the duty of a clergyman, is one which is rapidly forcing itself upon the Protestant sects in this country, and it should be met openly and decided intelligently, and without prejudice. Hitherto it has been winked at or condemned by the sentiment of isolated communities. It is time that the question should be taken up by the final authorities of each sect in which it has been raised, and definitely settled. Toward this result the ambiguous decision of the Brooklyn Presbytery will contribute but little.

"Yellow Jack."

The Health Officer of the port of Charleston, S. C., who has been at special pains to discover the actual cause of yellow fever in that city, is of opinion that it has its source in putrified organic matter. The soil upon which the city stands, it appears, is sandy and porous, and is consequently well calculated to conceal poisonous gases and vapors. That such a concealment does actually occur is not very difficult to believe, when it is considered that from the 1st of May to the 25th of September of last year, only one vessel arrived in port having a case of sickness on board, and that was not yellow fever. It is shown that the epidemic of 1871 was the most severe among the colored residents that had been known for upward of thirty years. Foreigners suffered a great deal, particularly the Germans. The condition of the atmosphere in 1850 was found, upon comparison, to be as nearly like that of 1871 as it is possible for seasons to be. Charleston, under both, had been for weeks exposed to a most intense solar heat, which, in each instance, was followed by a deluge of rain. From this it will be seen that an epidemic could have been prevented in 1850 and in 1871 if the sewerage had not been defective. With sewers like most of those that have been built in this City for years past, organic matter could not have made its way into the soil. We are rather surprised to find, after such an elaborate discussion of the subject, that the Health Officer should be willing to promise a lease of health to Charleston, provided that the Quarantine arrangements might be made independent of the Municipal Government. First of all he proves that the disease never came through the port, then he declares that it came from the foul gases generated in the soil, and finally that he can insure a perfect immunity from it provided that he be relieved from the tiresome interference of municipal officers. It is a pity that there should be a selfish spirit manifested in the treatment of such an important subject. But apart from this circumstance, it is quite evident that in Charleston there is an absolute need for a better system of sewerage; and that until such a luxury can be afforded, periodical visits from "yellow jack" may be reckoned upon with a tolerable degree of certainty.

Nathaniel Sands.

It is sad to think that even a patriarchal forehead, and a wealth of highly moral white hair, are not always the outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace. Of this Mr. NATHANIEL SANDS is an imposing example. The personal appearance of this eminent tax-gatherer has been for years his political capital. Men looked upon that expansive, though modestly retiring brow, and accepted it as the shrine of intellect and virtue. They have seen in his white and flowing locks the grand simplicity of any number of original and later Franklins, and they have abased themselves reverently in the dust before the high morality of his slow and sonorous speech. But the public has at last discerned that Mr. SANDS intellectually and morally is not precisely such as his external appearance would indicate. In fact, it is now ascertained that in spite of his fair exterior, he is inwardly filled, so to speak, with inordinate revenges, and a wholly undesirable collection of dead men's bones. He professed to item hostility to the Ring and to Mr. TWEED, and when Tweed's defeat the last of publicity, and when once brought by Tweed and his conspirators, he became their simple and willing tool. Under that patriarchal brow are still concealed the confidences of his criminal association, while the consciousness that in his pocket still rest the seventy-five thousand dollars which he abstracted from the New-York tax-payers, gives to him a proud conviction of his worth—as a decoy in the hands of public robbers. The Grand Jury having indicted Mr. SANDS, we shall shortly see him at the bar of justice. So much outward simplicity and morality are rarely seen in a like situation, and the public shame to which the patriarch SANDS will be thus put has been hitherto paralleled only by the igominious exposure of the patriarch Cash, at the hands of Mr. Pamela in Bleeding-Heart Yard. Being a timid person—for unlike TWEED, he never stole boldly—SANDS may perhaps attempt to save himself by turning State's evidence against his accomplices. If so, his revelations will doubtless prove of interest. His punishment, if convicted, should be attended with the shearing of his locks, and the wearing of a wig, which would diminish the extent of his placid brow. He can then no longer deceive the public by the pretence of patriarchal virtue, but will be recognized as the adroit intriguer that he unquestionably is.

Submarine Cables.

The late telegraphic conference at Rome if it was barren of other results, at least earned the thanks of the civilized world for its resolution recommending that submarine cables should not be harmed in time of war. It is not likely that governments actually engaged in hostilities would pay much heed to this enlightened counsel. Yet the interests involved in the preservation of ocean cables are so vast, and the cost and trouble of replacing them are so enormous, that it is worth while to make a strong effort toward obtaining an international covenant for their protection. We have got so used to girdling the earth in forty minutes that we hardly estimate aright the value of the agency which brings Europe within an hour of our breakfast tables, and serves up to us yesterday's doings in all the world's capitals with our morning coffee. But fancy what a privation it would be to lose these facilities, to go back to the old weary waiting for the mail steamers which left us weeks behind European events. Why, nowadays, a war might be begun and ended, an empire overthrown, before we should hear of it at all. The shock to commerce would be almost paralyzing, and, indeed, every interest of life would suffer from what we might justly call a calamity.

If the Atlantic cable were destroyed, years might pass and countless millions be expended before it could be relaid. To destroy it seems like an act of incredible madness. Yet, judging from the past, it is almost impossible to hope that its continuance could long survive hostilities between nations whose success on either side it might impair. The world, it is to be feared, has hardly yet reached that pitch of magnanimity. When it does, indeed, war itself will have ceased to be possible. When civilized nations have agreed to except the mercantile marine from the operations of warfare, to make war on sea or on land only on actual fighting men, not on unarmed and peaceful merchants, we may expect to secure a like immunity for submarine cables. But then we shall be close on the millenium.

MINOR TOPICS.

Ex-Senator GERRY has developed a sudden sensitiveness. He could stand being classed among thieves in November last, but now that the Grand Jury has indicted him for forgery, he becomes suddenly alive to the fact that his character is worth something. He has accordingly selected Mr. LEVI ADAMS, a member of the Twelfth Ward Citizens' Association, as a defendant in a libel suit—damages stated at $100,000. The alleged libel is to be found in two documents, circulated before the election, reciting GERRY's connection with the Harlem Court-house job, and making sundry suggestions more forcible than complimentary, regarding the fate in store for the candidate for the Penitentiary. Judge BARNARD, who thought $8,000 sufficient bail for TWEED, thought it to fix the bail of Mr. GERRY at $20,000.

A very large number of merchants in this State have joined with a number proportionately as large from twenty-one other States in a petition to Congress, which ought to be, and we do not doubt will be, respectfully considered. The petition asks the earliest and most thorough attention of Congress to three subjects, as follows: First, Appointments to and removals from public offices, both of which the petitioners claim should be made solely with reference to capability, efficiency and honesty, in case of appointments, and the want of them in case of removals; second, the salaries of public officers, which the petitioners aver should be commensurate with the quality of the men required and the duties to be performed, while perquisites and mulcties should be abolished, as demoralizing to the service, corrupting to public servants, and pernicious to the business community; and third, the salaries and examination of private books and papers in revenue cases, which the petitioners state are now made in a manner subversive of private rights and unworthy of a free country. This petition is signed by some four hundred and fifty of our leading business firms, including such names as Brown Brothers & Co., A. A. Low & Brothers, Schultz, Southwick & Co., Jay Cooke & Co., E. D. Morgan & Co., S. B. Chittenden & Co., J. H. Van Nostrand & Co., Wm. A. Booth, Ball, Black & Co., Tiffany & Co. These are the names of men who represent a powerful interest in the community, and one not at all represented by the ordinary political machinery. The petition is, moreover, in itself so well grounded that Congress will do well to turn its attention promptly to its subject-matter.

Further investigation into the subject of the Bartlett street-lamps, shows that the breakages of these lamps are by no means as numerous as we were led to suppose. In the parks and squares where they have had a fair trial, the durability of the lamp has been almost, if not altogether, equal to that of the ordinary kind. The patentee of the lamps has nothing whatever to do with the expensive ornamental posts on which they are placed, and the statements directed to the latter subject, therefore, apply to Mr. BARTLETT.

Sufficient attention has hardly been paid to the change of procedure in the disposal of City bonds, quietly introduced the other day by Controller GREEN. For the first time in several years, these bonds were exposed to public competition, and the bids were published in a regular and business-like way. In addition to the satisfactory nature of the precedent thus established, the result of the bidding was eminently creditable to the financial administration of Mr. GREEN. Bonds on which the interest of six per cent. is payable in currency were thus openly, and without suspicion, disposed of at a little above par, while it may be remembered that the bonds under the celebrated Belmont contract, on which the interest was payable in gold, were entered on the City books simply at par.

A strong effort is being made by the members of the Legislature from the Eastern or Williamsburg District of Brooklyn, to obtain better facilities for ferriage to and from New-York. The ferries connecting with this part of Brooklyn are all owned by one Company, of which Mr. GEORGE LAW is the principal shareholder. There is no doubt that they are scandalously mismanaged, that this mismanagement is a great injury to the Eastern District, and that it grows out of the face of monopoly. The boats are run always irregularly, and often at long intervals; they are some of them small and unfit for the work, and they have within the past week actually suspended their trips on one of the lines, rather than expose the boats to possible injury. Meantime the Ferry Company appears to be making very large profits—some $600,000 a year on a nominal capital of $1,000,000, and a real capital very much smaller—probably not over one-half that amount. The case is a very bad one, and, considering the large number of persons interested, a very urgent one.

The recent retirement from the Berlin Cabinet of Herr MUHLER, Minister of Public Worship and Education, is felt by the Liberal Party to be an event of the highest importance, as implying a change of system and policy. Herr MUHLER has been the apostle of conservatism in the Ministry, and the representative of tradition. It is hinted that his opposition to the wishes of the Prince Imperial, in reference to certain art subjects, has had something to do with his retirement; but there seems good reason to suppose that this is merely a plausible explanation offered by the Conservatives, and that he has in truth been removed by Prince BISMARCK in order that he may carry out other reforms and innovations on which that statesman is intent. The step will, as is no doubt intended, increase the Prince's popularity with the Liberal Party.

Mr. BARNUM is said to be inconsolable for the loss of his last giraffe, which died in transit on the ocean. We recommend him to seek comfort in the prodigy which Otsego County offers him—a three-armed man. This phenomenon's name is JACOBS, and the superfluous limb grows out of his right shoulder-blade. It has "extraordinary muscle, which its owner displays when occasion demands it." Otherwise he keeps it buttoned up, so that "no person passing through on a railroad-car, or meeting him in the street would observe any deformity," but in other places, or "after becoming cognizant of this singular case, would perceive a peculiar fit of his coat." Naturally, during the war he bore arms in defense of his country, and is now, therefore, a three-armed veteran. To add to his other attractions, he is a man of fine conversational powers, and he relates many pleasing anecdotes of himself with great relish, so that "an interview with him is especially agreeable," as the Williamsport *Gazette* testifies. We trust, for the honor of our City, that Mr. BARNUM will not fail to secure this amiable Bizarre.

New-England Society Reception at Delmonico's.

The first ladies' reception of the New-England Society was held at Delmonico's, Fifth-avenue, last evening, and was very well attended. About 600 ladies and gentlemen participated in the festivities, among whom were the following: Ex-Gov. A. E. Burnside and Mrs. Burnside, of Rhode Island; Gov. Marshall Jewell and Mrs. Jewell, of Connecticut, accompanied by Mrs. John A. Andrew and daughter, Boston; Ex-Gov. Joseph C. Hawley, Connecticut; Ex-Gov. A. H. Bullock and Mrs. Bullock, of Massachusetts; Ex-Gov. E. D. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan; Senator W. A. Buckingham, of Connecticut; Senator Howe, of Wisconsin; Senator Pratt, of Indiana; Admiral Rogers, United States Navy; Admiral Smith, United States Navy; Admiral S. H. Stringham, United States Navy; Major-Gen. John A. Dix, Major-Gen. John Newton, United States Army; Brig.-Gen. Henry Prince, United States Army; Brig.-Gen. Rufus Ingalls, United States Army; Judge Samuel Blatchford and Mrs. Blatchford, Judge E. R. Hoar, Judge Noah Davis, Judge Robert R. Russell, D. Hitchcock, D. D., and Mrs. Hitchcock, Rev. Dr. Adams, Mr. Aspinwall, Dr. Tyng.

A fine collation was partaken of by all present, and the pleasures of the dance were enjoyed by many of the company.

It was expected that Gov. HOFFMAN would be present this evening, being unable to attend, he sent a personal letter to that effect.

New-Jersey Legislature.

TRENTON, Feb. 6.—The following bills were introduced in the House today: To revise and amend the charter of Harrison, Hudson County; to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Association at Plainfield; to incorporate the Perth Real Estate Insurance Company of Perth Amboy—passed; supplementary to the charter of the New-Brunswick Dime Savings Institution, giving authority to make contracts with minors or females, as may have as well as legal interest; supplementary to the charter of the Monmouth Agricultural Railroad, giving the road power to borrow money and extend the time; to incorporate the Union Bank of Mount Holly; supplementary to the charter of the Delaware Manufacturing Company; to incorporate the Cranford Horse-car Railroad Company.

The New Capitol.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

If an investigation is to be obtained in the gravel-pit operations of Mr. HUSTED, of Westchester, why omitting it to gravel? The labors of the Committee on the new Capitol investigation were closed with much apparent haste. Would it not have been well to have put the gravel on the other side of the Hudson River, and various others who could have said something on the subject of frauds, connected with Capitol business who, cannot, stand as an imposture. REFORMER.

ALBANY, Monday, Feb. 5, 1872.

The Metropolitan Gas Company.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of 4th inst. the President of Metropolitan Gas Company denies the statement made, that during the recent cold term air was passed through their pipes. I can prove by good witnesses that during the first three evenings, when the Company published that they would supply gas after 7 o'clock, I called for entire evenings, and the only result was a rush of air through the pipes, but no light. This was the experience of all my neighbors on Lexington-avenue. M. E. G.

Twin Sticks Again.

New-York Ferry, 6th St.

Sir: Can you find out What Wright Tom Fields had to put the Iron Scaling Round the Catholic Church in Manhattanville Said Scaling Was part of Scaling Tubes, iron sewer of the city parks he as park Commissioner Sent the Scaling and had it put up by him. Employed by the park Commissioners Will you please inquire a bot it as I know you have done so much good so free

A LEADY OF MANHATTANVILLE.

P.S. the Catholic Church is on 120th St. bet 10th Ave.

CONNECTICUT DEMOCRATS.

Proceedings of the Convention Yesterday.

New Candidates and New Principles Taken.

The Resolutions of the Missouri Sore-Heads Adopted—Some Singular Declarations.

From Our Special Correspondent.
NEW-HAVEN, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1872.

With the proceedings of today the great political campaign of 1872 was fully opened, and there is little use in attempting to disguise the fact that the Democracy of Connecticut, where the first skirmish must occur, have shown as much of the serpent's wisdom that the champion of the contest at its opening are more evenly balanced than is entirely agreeable to those who are convinced that Democracy says one thing and means another. Connecticut, it is well-known, has always, but especially of late years, been a close State, where the change of a few score votes is sometimes sufficient to decide the political status of the State, and the Democracy have this year made a sick bid for the floating vote in the character of their nominees and the nature of the declaration of principles. It is true that both are stultifications, as the candidates, at least for the chief places, were never "coppery," and the principles are, or a great extent, in radical antagonism to those secretory proceed with great ardor in the official utterances of the party, both in Connecticut and out of it. But the average voter rarely stops to analyze political action, and it may as well be admitted that there will be enough of them deceived by the new profession of the Democracy to render the result of the forthcoming election doubtful until every vote is counted.

THE WHOLE DEMOCRACY ENLISTED.

As the Presidential campaign is just opening, and Connecticut is the first State to speak, it is of vital importance to the Democratic Party that her voice shall be in their favor. Hence the contest here has already come under the advice and guidance of Democrats of the nation, and there is no doubt that it will have the active assistance of Democrats in all the States until the close. All that the Democracy can do will be done in this State where there is so much chance for work to be effective, and there need be no great surprise if it should prove successful. Nor should that result excite much chagrin. Democracy has put on its most alluring guise in this State, where it is only necessary for a few to be cajoled in order that it may be successful, and while that result would undoubtedly unduly elate the Democracy, it will afford no reason for depression among Republicans anywhere. Democracy can do in Connecticut what it can do nowhere else, and they are making strenuous efforts to do all they can.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

In this spirit the Convention today approached its work. Upon assembling in Music Hall it proved to be a large body and of unusually respectable appearance, considering its political complexion. Notwithstanding the prevalent desire to sink the past out of sight, a reminiscence of the rebellious tendencies of the party came to the front at the outset in the person of A. E. Burr, the notorious Copperhead, who, as Chairman of the State Central Committee, called the Convention to order, and nominated Dr. ALFRED E. GOODRICH, of Vernon, for temporary Chairman, who, having been a Democrat for many years, has some of the past bad odor of the party clinging to him. He was, of course, elected, and taking the chair, set the Convention at work without stopping to make a speech. The usual Committees on Credentials, Permanent Organization and Resolutions were appointed with great promptitude. The Committee on Resolutions was formed of the following gentlemen: A. E. Burr, Edgar Hull, H. A. Mitchell, Isaac T. Rogers, James F. Babcock, Thomas M. Wallace, James B. Colt, D. Griffen Ely, James L. Gould, Alfred A. Heath, James H. Alstead, Lloyd E. Baldwin, R. A. Eaton, S. B. Johnson, Henry Booth, F. E. Hurlburt, Samuel J. Starr, Daniel A. Wright, C. F. Joslyn and Charles F. Sumner. In this list are several besides BURR, who were prominent in the councils of Connecticut Democracy when it was exceedingly tinged with secession, and a knowledge of this fact is necessary to a proper appreciation of the doctrine reported at a subsequent stage of the proceedings. As soon as the Committee was appointed the usual Democratic gag was applied to expressions of opinion unauthorized by the managers of the show, by a motion that all resolutions be referred, or it without reading or debate, and it was carried, as only one Democrat had the independence to vote against it.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

When the report of the Committee was read it was found that the slate of the previous night, which had on it the name of Hon. JAMES F. BABCOCK, for President of the Convention, had been broken, and the name of ALFRED E. BURR was substituted for the position. The Convention seemed surprised and greeted the name with no approbation whatever. When Mr. BURR came forward he was received with the slightest possible applause. He said, and perhaps truly, that he had not expected of the position, for he was not prepared with a speech. He was accordingly entered to the extremity of uttering a tirade against the Administration, the tendency of the Government under Republican management to centralization, the despotism at the South, and other threadbare charges. As to the coming Presidential struggle, Mr. BURR was not sanguine, but he hoped for a great victory. As to the candidate for President of the United States, he said that the exigencies of the occasion might require Democrats to forego their first choices. He then paid Hon. LYMAN TRUMBULL the doubtful compliment of referring to him as the eminent statesman from Illinois, and saying that, if he should be united upon by the opponents of the Administration, he should receive his hearty support. This declaration evoked such hearty applause that the Illinois Senator, if he had been present, would have been forced to demand what he had done to be so insulted. Mr. BURR also referred to the late speech of Senator MORTON, in this city, and was followed by Mr. JAMES GALLAGHER, who also dwelt upon that speech with much fervor, and at such length, that the address of the eminent Indianian must have saved the Connecticut Democracy considerably. Mr. GALLAGHER, having eulogized GRATZ BROWN, CARL SCHURZ, and other "Liberal Republicans," echoed the Fenian charges against the New-York Custom-House management, and wound up with a fervid declaration of his opinion that the Democracy is sure to triumph in both State and nation in the coming contest.

NOMINATION OF THE STATE TICKET.

After this there was a pause, and Mr. Irving Hewitt moved to take a recess to a week, the report of nominations, but it was suggested that an informal ballot for Governor be taken. Hewitt was opposed to any such procedure, as he was desirous to know what his principles were to be during the campaign, but the Convention did not share his anxiety, and came nothing about the principles, proceeded to ballot for other work, and upon motion of Hon. Orlando Bronson, Hon. Richard D. Hubbard, of Hartford, was nominated for Governor by a unanimous rising vote, accompanied by hearty demonstrations of applause. This work accomplished, the Convention took a recess of ten minutes, during which there was a very exhilarating side-show in the wings in the form of a squabble in the Committee on Resolutions. Mr. F. E. WHITLEY, the Secretary of the Committee, and other gentlemen, among whom were Mr. BURR and Mr. JAMES F. BABCOCK, had an animated discussion of the propriety of reporting an Democratic principles the resolutions of the State Convention of Missouri. Whitley, who had been entrusted with the resolutions, argued that Mr. WALLACE, delegate-at-large, had authorized the Committee to report the resolutions of the Missouri Convention, and that it was too much to ask Republicans to endorse resolutions passed by Democrats. Mr. BURR said that they could become Democratic by adoption, and that it was expedient to give them the advantage of Democratic principles. The quarrel continued long after the specified ten minutes, and the Convention was finally compelled to recall Mr. BURR to the chair by vigorous stamping. The work in dispute was reversed, an informal ballot was had for Lieutenant-Governor, with the following result: EDWARD W. SEYMOUR, 151; CHARLES ATWATER, 146; BENJAMIN H. BRIDGE, 1. The names of SEYMOUR and HARRISON were then withdrawn, and CHARLES ATWATER, of New-Haven, was nominated by acclamation, and Hon. JOHN W. DYKEMAN, of Norwich, was nominated in the same way for Secretary of State. HILO H. BEARDSLEY, of Danbury, was also nominated for Treasurer by acclamation, who declined at first, but afterward consented to accept. The ticket was then completed by the nomination of THOMAS SANFORD, of Redding, for Controller.

THE PLATFORM.

The results in the Committee on Resolutions having been ended by the triumph of the Missouri resolutions, Mr. WALLACE then read the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Democrats of Connecticut reaffirm the principles of 1848 and 1856, and the Democratic party as exhibited of both parties, called to the Constitution, and therefore the support of the citizens of all parties.

Resolved, That the speedy and lasting peace can only come from such profound reconciliation as entire obliteration has brought to the State of Missouri, that those Governments be born or great in which our Government, and that we, therefore, favor an immediate and full restoration of the political rights of the people, and the rights of the citizen, and the rights of the people, and the rights of the citizen, and the rights of the people, and the rights of the citizen, and the

COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

Appearance Required by Various Committees Between the Commencement and Close of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Committee of Ways and Means today heard Mr. S. Burnett, of Virginia, on behalf of the manufacturers of that State, who want a uniform tax on all manufactured tobacco, at the lowest rate consistent with the needs of the Government. Seven cents per pound they thought would yield $21,000,000 revenue annually, leaving, say, twenty-four cents, $84,000,000, and their aggregate, $98,000,000 annually, increasing with each year. They want to be placed on an equal footing with the manufacturers all over the country. The present discrimination between the plug and fine-cut tobacco was oppressive to the former. The tax of sixteen cents per pound on the latter gave an advantage of 16 per cent over the plug owing to the discrimination. Under this new the fine-cut tobacco interest was prosperous and the plug interest was oppressed. A delegation of the distillers was next heard. H. B. Miller, of Illinois, read and explained what they want. First, they ask that all taxes and expenses paid by distillers be consolidated into one tax and collected, and in the same manner as the direct tax of fifty cents is now collected, and that all tickets, labels and other instruments for the protection of the Government be furnished to the distillers free of expense to them. The distillers now pay about sixty-five cents per proof gallon, the direct tax being fifty cents. The first of the consolidation of taxes would not release distillers, or any other persons, from any of the pains and penalties, or lessen the security of Government, as now provided by law. They also ask for the enactment of a proper law for the exportation of distilled spirits with provisions for all safeguard and protection against frauds that can possibly be embraced therein. They believe that such a law should provide, in lieu of the tax paid stamps for a free export to be placed on the original package before the same leaves the distillers' bonded warehouse, and from which to each original package should be immediately removed for the purpose of exportation only over bonded routes, under such regulations as are applicable to imported goods, either in store or transit, and as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. They stated to the friends of this scheme for an export law that the provisions of the law now in force render the same virtually prohibitory as regards the exportation of spirits. It provides for a drawback of sixty cents per gallon, only leaving some five cents, which with the additional tax of interest on the tax, say two or three cents, until the drawback can be obtained, amounts in the same total to seven or eight cents per gallon. This being the product of only one-fourth bushel of grain, shows a margin of twenty-eight or thirty cents against the exportation of a bushel of grain, which converted into spirits. The exportation of distillers' spirits would constitute an important item in commerce, tend to the revival of the shipping interest, give employment to a large number of persons, create a better market for the farmer in selling his grain, and bring home the distillers, who pay more than three-fifths idle capacity of existing distilleries, and so a medium of exchange by which a large portion of the coin now required for payment of foreign goods would be retained in the country.

Messrs. Gove and Woodward also made remarks on the same subject.

Mr. C. H. Kellogg, of Ohio, representing the rectifiers, said they would like to have their taxes consolidated so as to put them on a footing with distillers. There should be only two grades of stamps, one for distillers and the other for liquor-dealers, doing away with the rectifiers' stamp altogether. They were also in favor of an export law.

The Committee of Ways and Means give notice that for the present they must suspend all further audiences upon the Internal Revenue or Tariff, and this is done to enable them to transact some important and long-deferred business, and to all those who have applied or desiring to be heard can be heard in writing, or better in print, with copies for every member, in which shape their communications are more likely to be read.

JOHN L. HAYES, of Massachusetts, for himself and the Joint Convention of Wool Growers and Wool Manufacturers, presented the address before the Senate Committee on Finance today and presented the address to the President and Congress and resolutions unanimously adopted by that Convention, which met in Syracuse in December last. The resolutions say that the present tariff on wool and woolens is not adapted as any legislation which can now be devised to promote the growth and development of wool growing or wool manufacture, and the interests of consumers and the public revenue, and speak of the wisdom of the present tariff in connection with shoddy imports. Mr. Hayes said that he had as known to carefully compile those delicately presented in the address, the principal portion of which he read, in the way of an elaborate defence of the principles set forth, supported by statistics and an illustration of the existing duties on wool and woolens, in order to show that the production of woolens had increased in eight years 150 per cent, amounting in 1868 to $118,000,000, supplying with cheap and sound clothing the great mass of the people, and adding a vast number of new fabrics; and that the prices of most of them are less than in 1860, while the wages of labor have greatly increased.

The New Steamship Republic.

The Republic, of the White Star Line, recently completed, is now on her first voyage across the Atlantic, and is expected here in a few days. This vessel was built at Belfast, Ireland, by Messrs. Harland & Wolff, under the direct supervision of the owners, and is magnificently fitted up, having cost altogether $750,000. Her hull is 463 feet in length, built in five water-tight and fire-proof sections. She is a four-masted screw steamship of 4,052 tons burthen. Her engines are of 3,000 horse-power, and she is said to be very fast. The saloon passenger accommodation comprises separate promenade decks, smoking-room, music-room, ladies' saloon, dining-room (for 120 passengers), hot and cold baths, &c., and stands in the midship sections, where, owing to the immense size of the vessel, there is very little perceptible motion, and the above-deck of the vessel is handsome. The fittings throughout are costly and luxurious. The main saloon is elegantly fitted with a library, writing-cases, a piano, two cheery English fireplaces, and brackets and shelves for ornaments. Fresh air is laid on to each state-room, whence communication can be made with the steward's department by means of electric bells and indicators. The steerage accommodations are recognized as of superior character.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The Sales at the Exchange yesterday, Feb. 8, were largely attended, and all the property offered was sold at full figures. A similar feature of the day's sales we mentioned, or rather omitted, that all the auctions announced to occur, except in one instance, were carried through. The following is a review of the purchases: Adrian H. Muller, Wilkins & Co., by order of the executors of Governeur M. Wilkins, deceased, sold seven three-story brick-front houses and lots, each 20 ft 9 in by 100 ft, located on the north side of East Twelfth-street, between First and Second avenues, numbered respectively 307, 309, 311, 315, 317, 319 and 321, at prices ranging from $10,100 to $11,000 apiece, the purchasers of the entire lot being James Mulry. The same firm also sold at public auction a four-story English basement brown-stone front house and lot known as No. 8 East Thirty-third-street, between Fourth and Madison avenues, for $18,000, and a three-story high-stoop brick house and lot known as No. 20 West Fifteenth-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, for $16,000. The last-named property was Richard Morning and the former Oscar Collstrop. Wm. Kennedy, at public auction, sold the premises known as the Centennial Hotel property, comprising a three-story and basement brick dwelling and lot, situated on the south side of Chatham-street and extending through to Pell-street, Bowery, numbered on the former street 167 and on the latter No. 64, size of lot, 17 x 100 x 26 x 112 ft. The property is rented until May, 1876, at the rate of $1,500 per annum. It was sold for Alex. Richmond Conet (child of the late Judge James M. Miller) under the direction of Surrogate Laremore. The same gentleman sold the English basement, brick and brown-stone front house, located on the south side of West Twenty-eighth-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues,

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CALABRIA	Wednesday, Mar. 6, 72

that every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY.

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PARTHIA	Saturday, Feb. 10, 72
BATAVIA	Saturday, Feb. 17, 72
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COLORADO, Capt. FRENCH ..... Feb. 28, at
WISCONSIN, Capt. T. F. FREEMAN ..... Mar. 6, at
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH ..... Mar. 13, at

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WANTED—BY TWO RESPECTABLE women, positions; one as cook, the other as waitress, in a private family; are willing to go together or separately; they refer to their present employer, at whose house they can be seen. Call at No. 27 West 35th-st.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG woman, a situation as nurse and assistant or chamber-maid and seamstress; excellent nurse for young or growing children; excellent seamstress; cut, fit, make and mend; city or country; best references. Call at No. 34 4th-av.

WANTED—A LAUNDRESS OR CHAMBER-maid and hairdresser situation, by a Protestant young woman; country or City; superior laundress, understands starching, ironing, plaiting, goffering and all kinds of ladies' dress work; fine hair; best City references. Call at No. 225 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A LADY, INTELLIGENT and refined, middle aged, a good economical and capable, a situation as housekeeper or companion to an elderly or invalid lady in City or country; best references. Address A. R., Box No. 19 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A THOROUGHLY competent housekeeper; is a good cook; exceptionable references from former employers; address Box No. 61 Up-town Advertisement Office, No. 548 West 42d-st.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS DRESS-maker, engagements by day, week or month; extra charge for cutting; dressmaker's excellent City references. Call or address for two days No. 120 West 27th-st., between 6th and 7th ave.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED LADY'S dress, washing to do at home, or would go out; prefer the city; understands fitting; linens done in superior style; excellent references. Call or address No. 30 West 27th-st., second floor, back room, No. 6.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable woman as good cook; is a good baker of bread and biscuits; has no objections to assist with the washing and ironing, if required; City references. Call for two days at No. 407 Sixth-ave., near Tenth-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as first-class waiter; understands her business; is fond of children; has good City references. Call or address for two days, 124 West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th ave.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable woman, as chamber-maid and waiting on lady; is a good hairdresser; good City reference. Call or address for two days, 124 West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th ave.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook; can bake and carve; is a good baker; undoubted best references. Call for two days, 124 West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th ave.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED LADY, a situation as chamber-maid and waiting on lady; French; good in superior style; unexceptionable reference. Call or address Mrs. SEIFRIED, No. 231 West 38th-st., between 7th and 8th ave.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT woman, a situation as first-class waitress; understands the care of silver, &c., perfectly; is capable of filling a nurse's place; has the best City references. Apply at No. 605 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL, A situation as seamstress, and to assist in chamber-work, or with growing children; best City references. Call for two days at No. 207 6th-av., between 22d and 23d sts., ring third bell.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN ENGlish protestant woman as first-class cook; best of City references; can be used until quite old. Call at No. 220 East 42d-st., between 1st and 2d ave.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable middle-aged girl as chamber-maid, and to do fine washing and ironing. Apply at No. 206 East 26th-st., top floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXCEllent seamstress; cutting, fitting and is an expert at ripping; would take work home; good reference. Call or address No. 32 West 17th-st., at present employer's.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD German girl as chambermaid; can wait on lady; good old style. To be seen at No. 64 4th-st., French office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG German girl as chambermaid; can wait on a private family; good seamstress. Call at No. 64 East 4th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent German girl as chamber-maid and to do fine washing. Apply at No. 206 East 26th-st., top floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD plain cook; would have no objection to assist in family work; good baker; can give best City reference. Call at No. 407 Sixth-ave., near Tenth-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as first-class waitress; understands her business; is fond of children; has good City references

AFFAIRS AT ALBANY.

Mr. Husted Demands an Investigation into His Sexual Instincts.

The Ways and Means Committee Take the Matter in Hand—Death of Mr. Ely—Speeches Delivering Revised—Adjournment Out of Respect.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1872.

Quite a sensation was produced on the opening of the Assembly this morning, by the entrance of Hon. SAMUEL J. TILDEN, the long-absent member from New-York, who resumed his vacant seat and occupied it, with one or two brief intermissions, throughout the entire session. A good deal of speculation has been indulged in as to what Mr. TILDEN has been about during the last three weeks. At one time he has been reported sick, while at another it was asserted that he was engaged in framing a new charter for New-York. He has been designed as day to ascertain how he stands on the return measures that have been introduced during his absence, but thus far he appears to be exceedingly non-committal.

MR. HUSTED EXPLAINS AND DEMANDS.

Mr. HUSTED, of Westchester, again rose to a question of privilege this morning, and, after reiterating his former explanation of the Central Park gravel contract, which, he said, he supposed was satisfactory to every body, but which did not appear to satisfy the TIMES and Tribune, demanded an investigation by a Committee of the House, in order that he might meet his accusers face to face. His demand was complied with in a motion by Mr. BENNETT, which was adopted, that the Ways and Means Committee be directed to make the investigation.

THE QUARANTINE REFORM.

The bill introduced last week, and which was understood to emanate from the Chamber of Commerce and other representative mercantile bodies for reforming the abuses of Quarantine and regulating the powers, duties and fees of the Health Officer, does not seem to meet the views of the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom it was referred. I am informed that they will refuse to report but will offer as a substitute one of their own making. The Committee are going to New-York to make an investigation of Quarantine and other abuses, including the tricks of Harbor Masters and Fort Wardens, and propose to frame an act covering the whole ground. It is charged that the Chamber of Commerce bill is concocted in the interest of Democrats, and is mainly the work of Quarantine Commissioner HILL, of Brooklyn. It leaves the appointment of Health Officer in the hands of the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, which, under existing circumstances, is equal to the retention of Dr. CHADWICK in office, as Gov. HOFFMAN will not be likely to nominate a Republican for his successor. Unless some amicable understanding can be arrived at between the Senate and the Governor with regard to the appointment of Health Officer, Harbor-masters and other port officials, a bill will probably be reported transferring these appointments to the Senate or some other body representing the party in power.

AMENDING THE BOARD OF AUDIT BILL.

Senator BERGHOLTZ introduced the bill, published in this morning's TIMES, amending the act passed two weeks ago, creating a Board of Audit to settle claims against New-York City. The bill embodies the supplemental legislation which Gov. HOFFMAN declared to be necessary in his communication to the Legislature accompanying his approval of the measure.

THE CHARTER.

The charter of the Seventy is now among the general orders, and will probably be reached to-morrow, when the nature and extent of the opposition that is to be made to it will begin to develop itself. There is likely to be a more formidable opposition to the minority representation principle, which the authors of the charter regard as its destructive as well as its best feature, than was anticipated. If this feature is rejected, the whole charter will probably go by the board, as all its details are subordinated to the main idea of proportionate representation. Mr. WHEELER, on behalf of the Committee of Seventy, is working diligently to gain support for the charter, and if it is adopted, as I think it will be, its success will be in a very great measure owing to his tact and perseverance.

A SECOND HYDRA-HEADED CITY WORKS.

Mr. BERRY will introduce a bill this evening for the creation of a "Department of City Works" for Brooklyn, to consist of a Board of Commissioners, to be called the City Works, it authorizes the Mayor, Comptroller and Auditor to appoint three Commissioners of City Works, to hold office for three years, and to possess the power and perform the duties now devolving on the Board of Water Commissioners, without compensation. The bill does not differ materially from the one introduced last week emanating from the Reform Committee, with the exception that it provides for five Commissioners instead of two. Mr. BERRY's bill was sent up by the Advisory Committee on Legislation appointed at a meeting of the citizens of Brooklyn.

DEATH OF MR. ELY.

As I, P. M. Mr. ALVORD, who occupied the speaker's chair, announced the reception of a telegram conveying the information that Wm. M. ELY, member of the Assembly from Broome County, died at an early hour this morning, at his residence in Binghamton. Mr. HUSTED spoke briefly in eulogy of the deceased member and moved that the Assembly adjourn, which was carried. Mr. ELY has been a member of the Assembly for four successive years, having been first elected in 1868.

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

A practical plan for revising the State Constitution is embodied in the bill introduced in the Senate this morning by Mr. JAMES WOOD. It provides that the Governor be empowered to appoint thirty-two Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to prepare and submit to the Legislature amendments to the Constitution, the sixth or Judiciary article thereof excepted. Any vacancy which may occur among the Commissioners is to be filled by the Governor. Their pay is to be six dollars a day, and they are empowered to appoint a secretary, clerks, &c. They are to report to the Legislature of 1873. This bill carries out the recommendation of Gov. HOFFMAN made in his last annual message.

LEGISLATIVE PORTAGE.

The Legislature is likely to be known hereafter as the great Investigating Legislature. A well-grounded suspicion prevails that there has been a good deal of peculation on the part of former officers in the matter of legislative boards, and this morning a committee of three Senators was appointed to investigate the matter. The Committee consists of Senators LOWREY, PALMER and JOHNSON.

A NEW LIQUOR LAW.

Senator PALMER to-day introduced a bill to make it a penal offence to sell liquor to persons in the habit of becoming inoxicated, as to minors; and every husband, wife, child, parent, guardian, employer or other person who shall be injured in person or property by such intoxicated person, is given a right of action against the vendor as evidence of the liquor sold to such intoxicated person, and also against the owner of the premises leased to such vendor. This bill is a transcript of the law known as the Ohio Liquor law.

SEVENTH REGIMENT ARMORY.

Active opposition is to be made to the plan for erecting an armory in Reservoir-square for the Seventh Regiment, and it is quite probable a joint resolution will be introduced in the Senate which will be sent back to the Committee to hear objections of parties interested, against it.

Morning Session of the House—The Erie Classification Bill—The Committee on Ways and Means Report Favorably.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Feb. 6.—The evening session of the Assembly was confined to speeches eulogistic of the late Mr. ELY, of Broome. The new charter for the City of Brooklyn is expected here to-morrow. The Tammany Republican charter for New-York will be brought up on Thursday. It stands about as good a show as that already introduced from the Citizens' Association. At the hearing before the Assembly Railroad Committee this evening, on the repeal of the Erie Classification act, Mr. SOUTHWICK gave a detailed history of litigation by which the present management had been bolstered up in the Courts. The speech produced a marked impression, and it is believed that the effort will be favorably reported in spite of the pressure brought to bear against it. A final hearing is to be had on Tuesday next, when the counsel of Jay GOULD will make their last protest against the long delayed Mr. DORMITZER justice that threatens the Erie swindlers.

THE PRINTING INVESTIGATION.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 6.—At the investigation of the House Printing Committee this afternoon,

DANIEL MANNING, of the ARGUS Company, testified that his firm had never charged more than the price fixed by either House ordering printing; never had a bribe to bribe about the order to print; never had a dollar of money for the payment of any bill or claim against the State; he has not a personal in COMPTROLLER ANDREWS, Clerk of the Ma Hunt of Ways, because he has not, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, never had, any interest whatever, as he knew the privilege of doing, a large amount of work; never had any agreement as to paying him, but when the clerk of the session handed him the bill he paid it; never had any bribe to give; had also made a present to HIRAM OLLENS, Clerk of the last session; he gave, or made, favors to over 40 members; believed was not disposed to remove any way, but we urged it upon him and he could not be.

SIMEON BAYARD, of the firm of WEED, PARSONS & Co., was the next witness. His testimony was mainly to the effect that the charges would have been, if Mr. TWEED, that the charges would be opposed. He produced an affidavit published in the Evening Post, which he said was false in every particular. He was present when he was a night in time that his firm or PARSONS was paying pennies to secure legislative printing, but was never in favor of it.

CHARLES W. ANDREWS, Clerk of the last House, testified that he was never approached by any person with any arrangement or understanding with the Ways and Means Committee for any percentage or pay he was to receive for work, which he should give to them; never had any money, which he should give to them; never had any bribe, or promise of any bribe, or any person, to give a right of action against the vendor as evidence of the Mayor and